

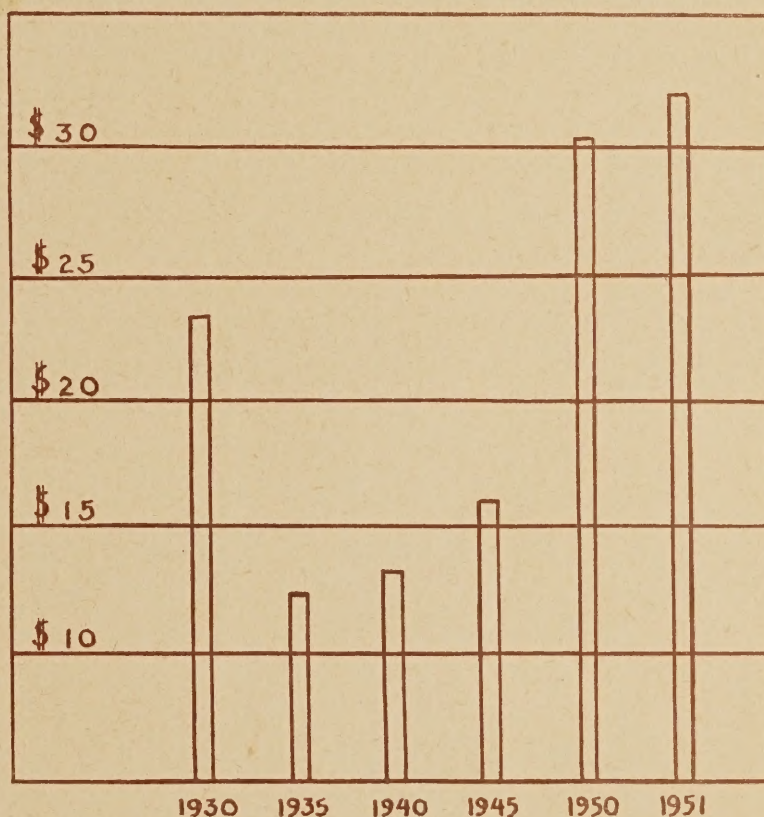
# Statistics of Giving

(Formerly known as The United Stewardship Council Statistics of Giving)

**December 1, 1951**

COMPILED BY HARRY S. MYERS

## PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS



JOINT DEPARTMENT OF STEWARDSHIP AND BENEVOLENCE  
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A Religious Body		B Budget Benevolence	C Denominational Benevolence	D Other Benevolence	E Total Benevolence	F Congregational Expenses	G Total Contributions	H Membership 13 Years and Over	I Reports for Year Ending
1. Assemblies of God .....		\$ 2,446,592	\$ 2,446,592	.....	\$ 2,446,592	.....	\$ 2,446,592	275,000	June 30, 1950
2. *Baptist, American .....		5,960,847	6,398,943	.....	8,666,555	\$49,762,964	58,429,519	1,554,304	April 30, 1951
3. *Baptist, Inc., National .....		346,000	346,000	.....	346,000	.....	346,000	3,776,764	June 30, 1951
4. Baptist, Seventh Day .....		30,555	37,100	.....	37,100	.....	217,844	6,187	June 30, 1951
5. Baptist, Southern .....		33,402,224	33,402,224	.....	33,402,224	180,744	197,241,354	6,500,000	Dec. 31, 1950
6. *Brethren Church .....		110,669	110,669	4,604	115,273	163,839,130	429,901	18,529	June 30, 1951
7. *Brethren Church of .....		937,277	1,584,998	540,159	2,125,157	4,823,810	6,948,967	167,106	Sept. 30, 1951
8. Brethren, National Fellowship .....		296,659	411,197	.....	411,197	961,921	1,373,118	18,988	June 30, 1950
9. Brethren in Christ .....		21,014	327,415	.....	327,415	285,808	613,223	6,126	Dec. 31, 1950
10. Catholic, American Syro-Antiochian .....		97,860	129,601	211	21,225	22,891	44,116	2,617	.....
11. Churches of God in North America .....		3,834,342	5,522,324	62,265	191,866	1,081,587	1,273,453	30,000	Oct. 31, 1950
12. *Disciples of Christ .....		6,010,349	6,935,342	989,725	5,522,324	45,016,185	50,538,509	1,227,527	Dec. 31, 1950
13. *Episcopal, Protestant .....		8,157,758	9,018,390	.....	7,925,067	38,374,175	1,768,294	1,768,294	June 30, 1951
14. *Evangelical Congregational .....		121,394	202,610	5,000	9,018,390	51,870,236	60,888,626	1,617,025	Dec. 31, 1950
15. *Evangelical and Reformed .....		2,080,225	3,428,267	.....	202,610	1,106,012	1,313,622	27,093	March 31, 1951
16. *Evangelical United Brethren .....		2,027,476	4,611,452	311,733	3,963,241	21,084,451	25,047,692	735,941	Dec. 31, 1950
17. *Friends (Damasus, Ohio) .....		93,490	118,537	.....	4,923,185	22,620,258	27,543,443	712,194	Oct. 5, 1951
18. International Foursquare Gospel .....		465,022	470,629	.....	118,537	315,132	433,669	5,916	June 30, 1950
19. *Lutheran, American .....		1,887,744	2,834,199	.....	470,629	2,533,732	3,004,361	74,855	Dec. 31, 1950
20. *Lutheran, Augustana .....		1,207,839	2,871,570	1,957,122	4,791,321	18,495,073	23,286,394	510,536	Dec. 30, 1950
21. *Lutheran, Evangelical .....		2,089,854	3,851,132	.....	2,871,570	11,336,014	14,207,584	327,875	Jan. 31, 1951
22. Lutheran, Missouri Synod .....		3,928,140	10,401,257	5,194,981	9,046,113	22,917,059	31,963,172	592,058	Jan. 31, 1951
23. Lutheran, Norwegian Synod .....		42,474	54,671	.....	10,401,257	50,130,334	60,531,591	1,165,482	Dec. 31, 1950
24. *Lutheran, Suomi Synod .....		69,671	96,396	2,100	54,671	222,579	277,250	7,155	April 30, 1951
25. *Lutheran, United .....		4,830,900	13,464,096	.....	98,496	560,842	659,338	22,144	March 31, 1951
26. Lutheran, United Evangelical .....		139,876	203,660	39,239	13,464,096	39,349,489	52,813,585	1,401,533	Dec. 31, 1950
27. Lutheran, Wisconsin Other States .....		1,326,959	1,326,959	148,836	242,899	1,149,043	1,391,942	32,694	April 30, 1951
28. Mennonite, Central Conference .....		2,463,113	2,463,113	.....	1,475,795	6,012,130	7,487,925	214,425	Dec. 31, 1950
29. Mennonite Church .....		133,844	133,844	.....	76,597	98,976	175,573	3,171	June 30, 1951
30. *Mennonite, Evangelical .....		19,971,741	38,508,675	.....	2,463,113	1,000,000	3,463,113	62,739	Dec. 31, 1949
31. *Methodist .....		1,054,688	302,547	15,463	38,508,675	206,167,999	244,676,674	1,907	Jan. 1, 1951
32. *Methodist, Free .....		1,054,688	302,547	1,392	2,044,900	4,961,362	7,006,262	8,935,647	Dec. 31, 1950
33. Methodist, Wesleyan .....		117,625	153,780	7,958	2,044,900	3,540,978	3,885,034	42,783	Sept. 30, 1951
34. *Moravian (Northern Province) .....		1,497,893	3,393,869	545,475	3,939,344	591,101	752,839	33,796	Dec. 31, 1950
35. *Nazarene, Church of .....		.....	.....	.....	1,000	20,416,125	24,355,469	232,920	Dec. 31, 1950
36. Orthodox Ch. of America, Ukrainian .....		.....	.....	.....	71,000	5,291	6,291	.....	Dec. 31, 1950
37. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness .....		113,192	360,152	.....	360,152	.....	1,199,020	1,730	Aug. 31, 1951
38. Presbyterian, Associate Reformed .....		178,178	178,178	.....	178,178	838,868	1,466,742	26,544	March 31, 1951
39. Presbyterian, Cumberland .....		116,941	116,941	.....	116,941	1,466,742	1,644,920	80,140	Dec. 31, 1950
40. Presbyterian, Orthodox .....		2,150,517	2,150,517	190,164	2,340,681	394,368	511,309	5,831	March 31, 1951
41. *Presbyterian, U. S. .....		8,645,999	8,645,999	773,084	9,419,083	7,776,394	10,117,075	219,027	March 31, 1951
42. *Presbyterian, U. S. A. .....		12,917,682	16,933,508	.....	16,933,508	30,993,124	40,412,207	702,266	March 31, 1951
43. *Reformed in America .....		2,227,460	11,417,394	470,634	1,888,028	86,648,229	103,581,737	2,447,975	Dec. 31, 1950
44. Seventh-day Adventists .....		128,635	272,852	12,576	30,121,342	8,296,357	10,184,385	187,256	Dec. 31, 1950
45. United Brethren (Huntington) .....		161,753,621	217,987,530	14,075,307	232,063,837	934,379,811	1,166,443,648	36,073,974	Oct. 31, 1951
46. Total U. S., 1951 .....		155,146,866	214,674,606	12,598,418	228,775,423	875,376,611	1,104,577,184	36,117,771	.....
47. Total U. S., 1950 .....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
48. *Baptist, Maritime .....		116,868	297,447	1,420	298,867	1,388,631	1,687,498	65,479	June 30, 1951
49. *Baptist, Ontario and Quebec .....		245,499	532,723	1,187	533,910	1,588,588	2,122,498	52,362	April 30, 1951
50. *Baptist, Western Canada .....		90,230	131,105	.....	131,105	607,123	738,228	17,008	April 30, 1951
51. *Church of England, Canada .....		1,128,270	1,128,270	.....	1,128,270	5,001,228	6,129,498	450,000	Dec. 31, 1948
52. *Presbyterian, Canada .....		793,230	793,230	71,406	864,636	4,460,894	5,325,530	176,208	Dec. 31, 1950
53. *United Church of Canada .....		4,310,856	4,842,374	720,102	5,562,476	19,888,932	25,451,408	821,119	Dec. 31, 1950
Total Canada, 1951 .....		6,684,953	7,725,149	794,115	8,519,264	32,935,396	41,454,660	1,582,176	.....
Total Canada, 1950 .....		5,060,854	6,405,651	713,529	7,119,180	25,857,902	32,977,082	1,118,088	.....
Grand Total, 1951 .....		168,438,574	225,712,679	14,869,422	240,583,101	967,315,207	1,207,898,308	37,656,150	.....
Grand Total, 1950 .....		160,207,720	221,080,257	13,311,947	235,894,603	901,234,513	1,137,554,266	37,235,859	.....

\*Member Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence

\*For Eight Months



# Per Member Contributions From Living Donors

A Religious Body	GIFTS PER MEMBER					N	O
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	Budget Benevolence	Denominational Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	
1. Assemblies of God*	\$ 8.90 (12)	\$ 8.90 (20)	\$ 8.90 (23)	\$ 32.02 (23)	\$ 8.90 (45)	\$ 1.13 (27)	
2. *Baptist, American	3.83 (30)	4.11 (43)	5.57 (38)		37.59 (33)	.07 (39)	
3. *Baptist, Inc., National	.09 (44)	.09 (46)	.09 (46)		.09 (46)		
4. Baptist, Seventh Day	4.93 (26)	5.99 (33)	5.99 (36)	29.21 (28)	35.20 (34)		
5. Baptist, Southern	5.14 (24)	5.14 (37)	5.14 (40)	25.20 (35)	30.34 (38)	.83 (32)	
6. *Brethren Church	5.97 (18)	5.97 (34)	6.22 (35)	16.98 (41)	23.20 (42)	1.39 (23)	
7. *Brethren, Church of	5.60 (20)	9.48 (18)	12.72 (16)	28.86 (29)	41.58 (25)	1.64 (20)	
8. Brethren, National Fellowship		21.65 (8)	21.65 (8)	50.66 (7)	72.31 (9)	8.05 (7)	
9. Brethren in Christ	48.09 (3)	53.44 (3)	53.44 (3)	46.65 (8)	100.09 (5)	10.05 (5)	
10. Catholic, American Syro-Antiochian	8.03 (13)	8.03 (22)	8.11 (25)	8.75 (43)	16.86 (44)	.38 (38)	
11. Churches of God in North America	3.26 (37)	4.32 (41)	6.40 (33)	36.05 (16)	42.45 (23)	1.58 (21)	
12. *Congregational Christian	3.12 (39)	4.49 (39)	4.49 (41)	36.67 (14)	41.16 (26)	.93 (31)	
13. *Disciples of Christ	3.39 (35)	3.92 (44)	4.48 (42)	21.70 (39)	26.18 (41)	.72 (34)	
14. *Episcopal, Protestant	5.04 (25)	5.58 (35)	5.58 (37)	32.08 (22)	37.65 (32)	1.23 (26)	
15. *Evangelical Congregational	4.48 (27)	7.48 (25)	7.66 (26)	40.82 (12)	48.48 (17)	2.23 (17)	
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	2.82 (41)	4.65 (38)	5.38 (39)	28.65 (30)	34.03 (37)	1.06 (28)	
17. *Evangelical United Brethren	2.84 (40)	6.47 (29)	6.91 (30)	31.76 (24)	38.67 (30)		
18. *Friends (Damasus, Ohio)	15.80 (8)	20.03 (10)	20.03 (10)	53.26 (5)	73.29 (8)	12.26 (3)	
19. International Foursquare Gospel	6.21 (16)	6.27 (30)	6.27 (34)	33.85 (21)	40.13 (28)	4.07 (11)	
20. *Lutheran, American	3.69 (31)	5.55 (36)	9.38 (21)	36.23 (15)	45.61 (19)	.62 (35)	
21. *Lutheran, Augustana	3.68 (32)	8.78 (21)	8.78 (24)	34.57 (20)	43.35 (21)	1.44 (22)	
22. Lutheran, Evangelical	3.52 (33)	6.50 (28)	15.28 (12)	38.70 (13)	53.97 (15)	1.27 (25)	
23. Lutheran, Missouri Synod	3.37 (36)	8.92 (22)	7.65 (27)	43.01 (11)	51.93 (16)	.75 (33)	
24. Lutheran, Norwegian Synod	5.93 (19)	7.65 (23)	4.44 (43)	31.09 (27)	38.74 (29)		
25. Lutheran, Suomi Synod	3.14 (38)	4.35 (40)	4.44 (43)	25.32 (34)	29.76 (39)	.52 (37)	
26. *Lutheran, United	3.44 (34)	9.60 (17)	9.60 (20)	28.07 (31)	37.67 (31)	1.28 (24)	
27. Lutheran, United Evangelical	4.28 (28)	6.22 (31)	7.43 (28)	35.14 (19)	42.57 (22)	.97 (30)	
28. Lutheran, Wisconsin, Other States	6.18 (17)	6.18 (32)	6.88 (32)	28.03 (32)	34.91 (35)		
29. Mennonite, Central Conference		24.15 (7)	24.15 (7)	31.21 (26)	55.36 (12)	28.00 (2)	
30. Mennonite Church	39.26 (5)	39.26 (6)	39.26 (6)	15.94 (42)	92.58 (6)	8.73 (6)	
31. Mennonite, Evangelical	70.18 (2)	70.18 (2)	70.18 (2)	22.40 (38)	55.20 (13)	1.05 (29)	
32. *Methodist	2.23 (42)	4.32 (41)	4.32 (44)	23.07 (36)	27.39 (40)		
33. Methodist, Free	24.65 (6)	47.43 (4)	47.79 (4)	115.97 (1)	163.76 (1)	12.06 (4)	
34. Methodist, Wesleyan	8.95 (11)	10.13 (15)	10.18 (18)	104.77 (2)	114.95 (3)	3.95 (12)	
35. Moravian (Northern Province)	5.32 (22)	6.95 (26)	7.32 (29)	26.75 (33)	34.07 (36)	3.12 (13)	
36. *Nazarene, Church of	6.43 (15)	14.57 (11)	16.91 (11)	87.65 (3)	104.56 (4)	6.07 (9)	
37. Orthodox Church of America, Ukrainian							
38. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness	41.04 (4)	41.04 (5)	41.04 (5)		41.04 (27)		
39. Presbyterian, Associate Reformed	4.26 (29)	13.57 (13)	13.57 (14)	31.60 (25)	45.17 (20)	1.90 (19)	
40. Presbyterian, Cumberland	2.22 (43)	2.22 (45)	2.22 (45)	18.30 (40)	20.52 (43)	.54 (36)	
41. Presbyterian, Orthodox	20.05 (7)	20.05 (9)	20.05 (9)	67.63 (4)	87.68 (7)	6.26 (8)	
42. *Presbyterian, United	5.35 (21)	9.81 (16)	10.68 (17)	35.50 (17)	46.18 (18)	3.12 (13)	
43. *Presbyterian, U. S.	12.31 (9)	12.31 (14)	13.41 (15)	44.13 (10)	57.54 (11)	2.48 (16)	
44. *Presbyterian, U. S. A.	5.27 (23)	6.91 (27)	6.91 (30)	35.40 (18)	42.31 (24)	2.07 (18)	
45. *Reformed in America	11.90 (10)	7.57 (24)	10.08 (19)	44.30 (9)	54.38 (14)	2.57 (15)	
46. Seventh-day Adventists	114.28 (1)	120.00 (1)	120.05 (1)	23.06 (37)	143.11 (2)	30.05 (1)	
47. United Brethren (Huntington)	6.82 (14)	14.48 (12)	14.48 (13)	52.45 (6)	66.93 (10)	4.22 (10)	
Average U. S., 1951	4.48	6.04	6.43	29.18	32.33	1.31	
Average U. S., 1950	4.31	5.96	6.33	24.43	30.58	1.35	
48. *Baptist, Maritime	1.78 (6)	4.54 (4)	4.56 (5)	21.20 (5)	25.76 (5)	1.45 (5)	
49. *Baptist, Ontario and Quebec	4.68 (3)	10.17 (1)	10.19 (1)	30.34 (2)	40.53 (2)	1.90 (1)	
50. *Baptist, Western Canada	5.30 (1)	7.71 (2)	7.71 (2)	35.69 (1)	43.40 (1)	1.73 (2)	
51. *Church of England, Canada	2.51 (5)	2.51 (6)	2.51 (6)	11.11 (6)	13.62 (6)	1.67 (3)	
52. *Presbyterian, Canada	4.50 (4)	4.50 (5)	4.90 (4)	25.32 (3)	30.22 (4)	1.30 (6)	
53. *United Church of Canada	5.24 (2)	5.89 (3)	6.77 (3)	24.22 (4)	30.99 (3)	1.67 (3)	
Average Canada, 1951	4.22	4.88	5.38	20.82	26.20	1.63	
Average Canada, 1950	4.53	5.73	6.37	23.13	29.49	1.34	
General Average, 1951	4.47	6.00	6.39	28.78	32.07	1.33	
General Average, 1950	4.32	5.95	6.34	24.39	30.55	1.35	

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\*\*For Eight Months.

†For 11 Months.



# Church Giving Increases Again

## PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS

For 31 years, beginning in 1920, these statistics were prepared by the United Stewardship Council and known as United Stewardship Council Statistics of Giving. January 1, 1951 The United Stewardship Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States and Canada united with seven other national councils to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Four other interdenominational bodies also united. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence is the successor of the United Stewardship Council. On September 1, 1951, The Rev. T. K. Thompson became Executive Director with office at 297 Fourth Ave., New York, succeeding Dr. Harry S. Myers who had been Secretary and prepared these statistics since the fall of 1921.

## COOPERATION OF COMMUNIONS

During the first years the number of communions reporting was 18, but during recent years fifty have reported. These statistics are taken from officially signed reports made by the communion official responsible for statistics. There are still some strange items. The National Baptists Inc. could not report any contributions to Congregational Expenses and so their total contributions and their per member figures are in error. Some communions that had intended to report this year have not been able to get their report in time for this issue.

## LARGEST REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions reported on page 2 are 70 million larger than last year, a gain of over 6%. The total this year is \$1,207,898,308. This is not accounted for by some sudden spurt somewhere but by a steady annual increase since 1936. The growth is due to increased income, better methods of church finance, better promotion, increased practise of Stewardship, the Every Member Canvas, and a better motivation for giving.

If the contributions of Roman Catholics, Jews and about 200 small protestant communions were available, the total probably would exceed \$2,000,000,000.

## PER MEMBER GIVING

The membership increased 11% during the year under review. The per member contributions increased almost 5%, and stands at \$32.07 as shown on page 3. The chart on page 1 shows the comparative giving for 21 years. The report for 1930 included a part of the boom year 1929 and a part of the depression of 1930. The per member giving was \$23.37. In 1935 after four years of depression it dropped to \$12.10. In 1940 it was \$13.35. In 1945, \$16.17. In 1950, \$30.55. In 1951 \$32.07. This is for the fiscal years shown in the last column on page 2. This report shows a per member giving for Foreign Missions that is 4 cents less in the United States and 29 cents more in Canada than the preceding report. The average for all is a decrease of 2 cents. It is pitiable that we give so little for foreign missions, which is the giving that has done so much to bring peace and understanding among the peoples of the world.

## SMALL COMMUNIONS

The small communions are much more closely knit than the large ones. Some of them emphasize tithing much more than any large group, although they do not make tithing a condition of membership, but it is so emphasized that those who do not tithe feel uncomfortable. A larger proportion of the mem-

bers of small communions contribute than is true of larger ones.

Two communions that I have known rather intimately reported recently that less than one half of the members made any contribution of record for congregational expenses and less than one third contributed to Benevolences. The communions that give most per member are in this order (see page 3):

Free Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Brethren in Christ, each of which is reported herein as giving more than \$100 per member. There is a Free Methodist church less than 500 feet from our home. The church to which we belong is in the opposite direction, a little more than a block. The Free Methodists in this church contributed \$350 per member during the last fiscal year. At the Conference held here in July it was reported as the church with largest per member contributions. This amount is ten times the average for all the communions and six times the amount of our church which is almost five times as large.

## INFLATION

During these years our income has increased from \$50,000,000,000 in 1935, to almost \$250 billion in 1951. The amounts we pay for clothes, food, shelter, taxes, jewelry, amusements, gum, candy, alcohol, tobacco, building homes, furnishing them has also increased. An advertisement of a nationally known firm recently said this increase was 48.3%. If our gifts had increased as our income has increased instead of \$32.07 per member we would have given \$60.50 per member. When a dollar was worth 100 cents it would do a certain amount of work in our local church and our missions. Not now. We have greatly increased giving but only increased work done by a very small percent.

In spite of the difficulties under which churches work, the constantly shifting membership, secularism, increased cost of everything, the communions have made a notable advance in these last few years. We need to take heart and work harder. Our Stewardship promotion is taking effect.

## DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Many denominations divide the membership into two classes: Those younger than thirteen, and those thirteen and older. We use the former figure where available, but in some cases use the total membership where the division is not made.



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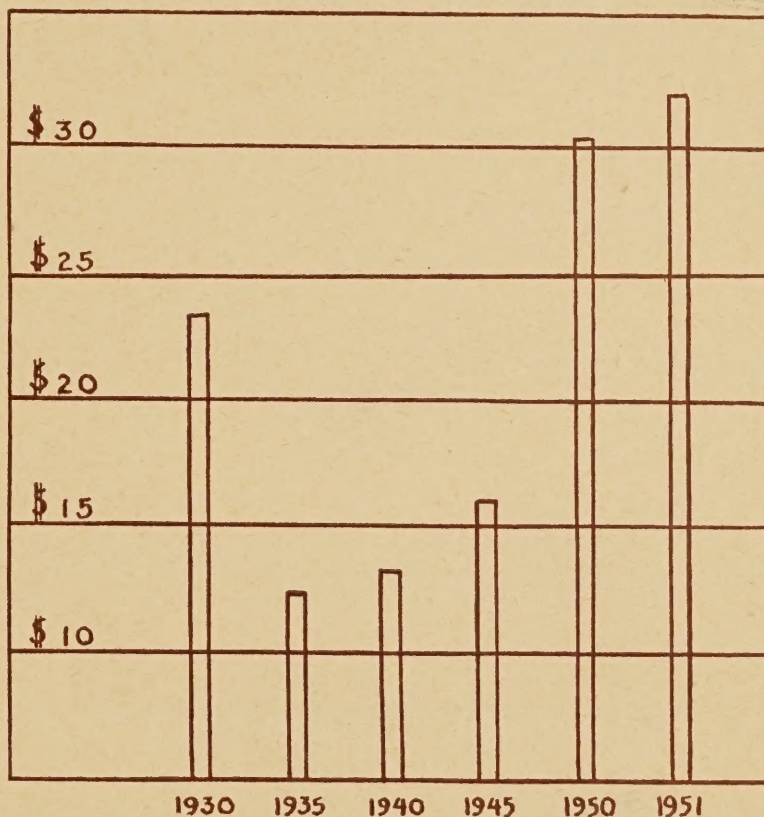
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1. Assemblies of God .....	\$ 2,446,592	\$ 2,446,592	\$ 2,446,592	\$ 2,267,612	\$ 2,446,592	\$49,762,964	\$ 2,446,592	275,000	June 30, 1950
2. *Baptist, American .....	5,960,847	6,398,943	6,398,943	.....	8,666,555	.....	58,429,319	1,554,304	April 30, 1951
3. *Baptist, Inc., National .....	346,000	346,000	346,000	.....	346,000	.....	346,000	3,776,761	June 30, 1951
4. Baptist, Seventh Day .....	30,555	37,100	37,100	.....	37,100	.....	217,844	6,187	June 30, 1951
5. Baptist, Southern .....	33,402,224	33,402,224	33,402,224	.....	33,402,224	163,839,130	197,241,354	6,500,000	Dec. 31, 1950
6. *Brethren Church .....	110,669	110,669	110,669	4,604	115,273	314,628	429,901	18,529	June 30, 1951
7. *Brethren, Church of .....	937,277	1,584,998	1,584,998	540,159	2,125,157	4,823,810	6,948,967	167,106	Sept. 30, 1951
8. Brethren, National Fellowship .....	.....	411,197	411,197	.....	411,197	961,921	1,373,118	18,988	June 30, 1950
9. Brethren in Christ .....	296,659	327,415	327,415	.....	327,415	285,808	613,223	6,126	Dec. 31, 1950
10. Catholic, American Syro-Antiochian .....	21,014	21,014	21,014	211	22,225	22,891	44,116	2,617	.....
11. *Congregational Christian .....	97,860	129,601	129,601	62,265	191,866	1,081,587	1,273,453	30,000	Oct. 31, 1950
12. *Disciples of Christ .....	3,834,619	5,522,324	5,522,324	.....	5,522,324	45,016,185	50,538,509	1,227,527	Dec. 31, 1950
13. *Episcopal, Protestant .....	6,010,342	6,935,342	6,935,342	989,725	7,925,067	38,374,175	46,299,242	1,768,294	June 30, 1951
14. *Evangelical Congregational .....	8,157,758	9,018,390	9,018,390	.....	9,018,390	51,870,236	60,888,626	1,617,025	Dec. 31, 1950
15. *Evangelical and Reformed .....	121,394	202,610	202,610	5,000	207,610	1,106,012	1,313,622	27,093	March 31, 1949
16. *Evangelical United Brethren .....	2,080,225	3,428,267	3,428,267	534,974	3,963,241	21,084,451	25,047,692	735,941	Dec. 31, 1950
17. *Friends (Damasus, Ohio) .....	2,027,476	4,611,452	4,611,452	311,733	4,923,185	22,620,258	27,543,443	712,194	Oct. 5, 1951
18. International Foursquare Gospel .....	93,490	118,537	118,537	.....	118,537	315,132	433,669	5,916	June 30, 1950
19. *Lutheran, American .....	465,022	470,629	470,629	.....	470,629	2,533,732	3,004,361	74,855	Dec. 31, 1950
20. *Lutheran, Augustana .....	1,887,744	2,834,199	2,834,199	1,957,122	4,791,321	18,495,073	23,286,394	510,536	Dec. 30, 1950
21. *Lutheran, Evangelical .....	1,207,839	2,871,570	2,871,570	.....	2,871,570	11,336,014	14,207,584	327,875	Jan. 31, 1951
22. *Lutheran, Missouri Synod .....	2,089,854	3,851,132	3,851,132	5,194,981	9,046,113	22,917,059	31,963,172	592,058	Jan. 31, 1951
23. *Lutheran, Norwegian Synod .....	3,028,140	10,401,257	10,401,257	.....	10,401,257	50,130,334	60,531,591	1,165,482	Dec. 31, 1950
24. *Lutheran, Suomi Synod .....	42,474	54,671	54,671	.....	54,671	222,579	222,579	7,155	April 30, 1951
25. *Lutheran, United .....	69,671	96,396	96,396	2,100	98,496	560,842	659,338	22,144	March 31, 1951
26. *Lutheran, United Evangelical .....	4,830,900	13,464,096	13,464,096	.....	13,464,096	39,349,480	52,813,585	1,401,533	Dec. 31, 1950
27. *Lutheran, Wisconsin, Other States .....	139,876	203,660	203,660	39,239	242,899	1,149,043	1,391,942	32,694	April 30, 1951
28. *Mennonite, Central Conference .....	1,326,959	1,326,959	1,326,959	148,836	1,475,795	6,012,130	7,487,925	214,425	Dec. 31, 1950
29. *Mennonite Church .....	.....	76,597	76,597	.....	76,597	98,976	175,573	3,171	June 30, 1951
30. *Mennonite, Evangelical .....	2,463,113	2,463,113	2,463,113	.....	2,463,113	1,000,000	3,463,113	62,739	Dec. 31, 1949
31. *Methodist, Free .....	133,844	133,844	133,844	.....	133,844	42,733	176,577	1,907	Jan. 1, 1951
32. *Methodist, Wesleyan .....	19,971,741	38,508,675	38,508,675	.....	38,508,675	206,167,999	244,676,674	8,935,647	Dec. 31, 1950
33. *Methodist, (Northern Province) .....	1,054,688	2,029,437	2,029,437	15,463	2,044,900	4,961,362	7,006,262	42,783	Sept. 30, 1951
34. *Nazarene, Church of .....	302,547	342,664	342,664	1,392	344,056	3,540,978	3,885,034	33,796	Dec. 31, 1951
35. *Orthodox Ch. of America, Ukrainian .....	117,625	153,780	153,780	7,958	161,738	591,101	752,839	22,096	Dec. 31, 1950
36. *Orthodox Ch. of America, Ukrainian .....	1,497,893	3,393,869	3,393,869	545,475	3,939,344	20,416,125	24,355,769	232,920	Dec. 31, 1950
37. *Orthodox Ch. of America, Ukrainian .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000	5,291	6,291	.....	Dec. 31, 1950
38. *Orthodox Ch. of America, Ukrainian .....	71,000	71,000	71,000	.....	71,000	.....	71,000	1,730	Aug. 31, 1951
39. *Presbyterian, Associate Reformed .....	113,192	360,152	360,152	.....	360,152	838,868	1,199,020	26,544	March 31, 1951
40. *Presbyterian, Cumberland* .....	178,178	178,178	178,178	.....	178,178	1,466,742	1,644,920	80,140	Dec. 31, 1950
41. *Presbyterian, United .....	116,941	116,941	116,941	.....	116,941	304,368	511,309	5,831	March 31, 1951
42. *Presbyterian, U. S. A. .....	1,171,776	2,150,517	2,150,517	190,164	2,340,681	7,776,394	10,117,075	219,027	March 31, 1951
43. *Presbyterian, U. S. A. .....	8,645,999	8,645,999	8,645,999	773,084	9,419,083	30,993,124	40,412,207	702,266	March 31, 1951
44. *Reformed in America .....	12,917,682	16,933,508	16,933,508	.....	16,933,508	86,648,220	103,581,737	2,447,975	Dec. 31, 1950
45. *Seventh-day Adventists .....	2,227,460	4,147,394	4,147,394	470,634	1,888,028	8,296,357	10,184,385	187,256	Dec. 31, 1950
46. *Seventh-day Adventists .....	28,677,827	30,111,766	30,111,766	12,576	30,124,342	5,786,885	35,911,227	250,939	Dec. 31, 1950
47. Total U. S., 1951 .....	161,753,621	217,987,530	217,987,530	14,075,307	232,063,837	934,379,811	1,166,443,648	36,077,974	Oct. 31, 1951
Total U. S., 1950 .....	155,146,866	214,674,606	214,674,606	12,598,418	228,775,423	875,376,611	1,104,577,184	36,117,771	.....
48. *Baptist, Maritime .....	116,868	297,447	297,447	1,420	298,867	1,388,631	1,687,498	65,479	June 30, 1951
49. *Baptist, Ontario and Quebec .....	245,499	532,723	532,723	1,187	533,910	1,588,588	2,122,498	52,362	April 30, 1951
50. *Baptist, Western Canada .....	90,230	131,105	131,105	.....	131,105	607,123	738,228	17,008	April 30, 1951
51. *Church of England, Canada .....	1,128,270	1,128,270	1,128,270	.....	1,128,270	5,001,228	6,129,498	450,000	Dec. 31, 1948
52. *Presbyterian, Canada .....	793,230	793,230	793,230	71,406	864,636	4,460,894	5,325,530	176,208	Dec. 31, 1950
53. *United Church of Canada .....	4,310,856	4,842,374	4,842,374	720,102	5,562,476	19,888,932	25,451,408	821,119	Dec. 31, 1950
Total Canada, 1951 .....	6,684,953	7,725,149	7,725,149	794,115	8,519,264	32,935,396	41,454,660	1,582,176	.....
Total Canada, 1950 .....	5,060,854	6,405,651	6,405,651	713,529	7,119,180	25,857,902	32,977,082	1,118,088	.....
Grand Total, 1951 .....	168,438,574	225,712,679	225,712,679	14,869,422	240,583,101	967,315,207	1,207,898,308	37,656,150	.....
Grand Total, 1950 .....	160,207,720	221,080,257	221,080,257	13,311,947	235,894,603	901,234,513	1,137,554,266	37,235,859	.....

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# Per Member Contributions From Living Donors

A Religious Body	L GIFTS PER MEMBER					N	O
	J Budget Benevolence	K Denominational Benevolence	L Total Benevolence	M Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions		
1. Assemblies of God*	\$ 8.90 (12)	\$ 8.90 (20)	\$ 8.90 (23)	\$ 32.02 (23)	\$ 8.90 (45)		
2. *Baptist, American	3.83 (30)	4.11 (43)	5.57 (38)		37.59 (33)		\$ 1.13 (27)
3. *Baptist, Inc., National	.09 (44)	.09 (46)	.09 (46)		.09 (36)		.07 (39)
4. Baptist, Seventh Day	4.93 (26)	5.99 (33)	5.99 (36)	29.21 (28)	35.20 (34)		
5. Baptist, Southern	5.14 (24)	5.14 (37)	5.14 (40)	25.20 (35)	30.34 (38)		.83 (32)
6. *Brethren Church	5.97 (18)	5.97 (34)	6.22 (35)	16.98 (41)	23.20 (42)		1.39 (23)
7. *Brethren, Church of	5.60 (20)	9.48 (18)	12.72 (16)	28.86 (29)	41.58 (25)		1.64 (20)
8. Brethren, National Fellowship		21.65 (8)	21.65 (8)	50.66 (7)	72.31 (9)		8.05 (7)
9. Brethren in Christ	48.09 (3)	53.44 (3)	53.44 (3)	46.65 (8)	100.09 (5)		10.05 (5)
10. Catholic, American Syro-Antiochian	8.03 (13)	8.03 (22)	8.11 (25)	8.75 (43)	16.96 (44)		.38 (38)
11. Churches of God in North America	3.26 (37)	4.32 (41)	6.40 (33)	36.05 (16)	42.45 (23)		1.58 (21)
12. *Congregational Christian	3.12 (39)	4.49 (39)	4.49 (41)	36.67 (14)	41.16 (26)		.93 (31)
13. *Disciples of Christ	3.39 (35)	3.92 (44)	4.48 (42)	21.70 (39)	26.18 (41)		.72 (34)
14. *Episcopal, Protestant	5.04 (25)	5.58 (35)	5.58 (37)	32.08 (22)	37.65 (32)		1.23 (26)
15. *Evangelical Congregational	4.48 (27)	7.48 (25)	7.66 (26)	40.82 (12)	48.48 (17)		2.23 (17)
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	2.82 (41)	4.65 (38)	5.38 (39)	28.65 (30)	34.03 (37)		1.06 (28)
17. *Evangelical United Brethren	2.84 (40)	6.47 (29)	6.91 (30)	31.76 (24)	38.67 (30)		
18. *Friends (Dannacus, Ohio)	15.80 (8)	20.03 (10)	20.03 (10)	53.26 (5)	73.29 (8)		12.26 (3)
19. International Foursquare Gospel	6.21 (16)	6.27 (30)	6.27 (34)	33.85 (21)	40.13 (28)		4.07 (11)
20. *Lutheran, American	3.69 (31)	5.55 (36)	9.38 (21)	36.23 (15)	45.61 (19)		.62 (35)
21. *Lutheran, Augustana	3.68 (32)	8.78 (21)	8.78 (24)	34.57 (20)	43.35 (21)		1.44 (22)
22. Lutheran, Evangelical	3.52 (33)	6.50 (28)	15.28 (12)	38.70 (13)	53.97 (15)		1.27 (25)
23. Lutheran, Missouri Synod	3.37 (36)	8.92 (19)	8.92 (22)	43.01 (11)	51.93 (16)		.75 (33)
24. Lutheran, Norwegian Synod	5.93 (19)	7.65 (23)	7.65 (27)	31.09 (27)	38.74 (29)		
25. Lutheran, Suomi Synod	3.14 (38)	4.45 (40)	4.44 (43)	25.32 (34)	29.76 (39)		.52 (37)
26. *Lutheran, United	3.44 (34)	9.60 (17)	9.60 (20)	28.07 (31)	37.67 (31)		1.28 (24)
27. Lutheran, United Evangelical	4.28 (28)	6.22 (31)	7.43 (28)	35.14 (19)	42.57 (22)		.97 (30)
28. Lutheran, Wisconsin, Other States	6.18 (17)	6.18 (32)	6.88 (32)	28.03 (32)	34.91 (35)		
29. Mennonite, Central Conference		24.15 (7)	24.15 (7)	31.21 (26)	55.36 (12)		
30. Mennonite Church	39.26 (5)	39.26 (6)	39.26 (6)	15.94 (42)	92.58 (6)		28.00 (2)
31. Mennonite, Evangelical	70.18 (2)	70.18 (2)	70.18 (2)	22.40 (38)	55.20 (13)		8.73 (6)
32. *Methodist	2.23 (42)	4.32 (41)	4.32 (44)	23.07 (36)	27.39 (40)		1.05 (29)
33. Methodist, Free	24.65 (6)	47.43 (4)	47.79 (4)	115.97 (1)	163.76 (1)		12.06 (4)
34. Methodist, Wesleyan	8.95 (11)	10.13 (15)	10.18 (18)	104.77 (2)	114.95 (3)		3.95 (12)
35. Moravian (Northern Province)	5.32 (22)	6.95 (26)	7.32 (29)	26.75 (33)	34.07 (36)		3.12 (13)
36. *Nazarene, Church of	6.43 (15)	14.57 (11)	16.91 (11)	87.65 (3)	104.56 (4)		6.07 (9)
37. Orthodox Church of America, Ukrainian							
38. Pentecostal, Fire Baptized Holiness	41.04 (4)	41.04 (5)	41.04 (5)		41.04 (27)		
39. Presbyterian, Associate Reformed	4.26 (29)	13.57 (13)	13.57 (14)	31.60 (25)	45.17 (20)		1.90 (19)
40. Presbyterian, Cumberland	2.22 (43)	2.22 (45)	2.22 (45)	18.30 (40)	20.52 (43)		.54 (36)
41. Presbyterian, Orthodox	20.05 (7)	20.05 (9)	20.05 (9)	67.63 (4)	87.68 (7)		6.26 (8)
42. *Presbyterian, United	5.35 (21)	9.81 (16)	10.68 (17)	35.50 (17)	46.18 (18)		3.12 (13)
43. *Presbyterian, U. S.	12.31 (9)	12.31 (14)	13.41 (15)	44.13 (10)	57.54 (11)		2.48 (16)
44. *Presbyterian, U. S. A.	5.27 (23)	6.91 (27)	6.91 (30)	35.40 (18)	42.31 (24)		2.07 (18)
45. *Reformed in America	11.90 (10)	7.57 (24)	10.08 (19)	44.30 (9)	54.38 (14)		2.57 (15)
46. Seventh-day Adventists	114.28 (1)	120.05 (1)	120.05 (1)	23.06 (37)	143.11 (2)		30.05 (1)
47. United Brethren (Huntington)	6.82 (14)	14.48 (12)	14.48 (13)	52.45 (6)	66.93 (10)		4.22 (10)
Average U. S., 1951	4.48	6.04	6.43	29.18	32.33		1.31
Average U. S., 1950	4.31	5.96	6.33	24.43	30.58		1.35
48. *Baptist, Maritime	1.78 (6)	4.54 (4)	4.56 (5)	21.20 (5)	25.76 (5)		1.45 (5)
49. *Baptist, Ontario and Quebec	4.68 (3)	10.17 (1)	10.19 (1)	30.34 (2)	40.53 (2)		1.90 (1)
50. *Baptist, Western Canada	5.30 (1)	7.71 (2)	7.71 (2)	35.69 (1)	43.40 (1)		1.73 (2)
51. *Church of England, Canada	2.51 (5)	2.51 (6)	2.51 (6)	11.11 (6)	13.62 (6)		1.67 (3)
52. *Presbyterian, Canada	4.50 (4)	4.50 (5)	4.90 (4)	25.32 (3)	30.22 (4)		1.30 (6)
53. *United Church of Canada	5.24 (2)	5.89 (3)	6.77 (3)	24.22 (4)	30.99 (3)		1.67 (3)
Average Canada, 1951	4.22	4.88	5.38	20.82	26.20		1.63
Average Canada, 1950	4.53	5.73	6.37	23.13	29.49		1.34
General Average, 1951	4.47	6.00	6.39	28.78	32.07		1.33
General Average, 1950	4.32	5.95	6.34	24.39	30.55		1.35

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# Church Giving Increases Again

## PREVIOUS PUBLICATIONS

For 31 years, beginning in 1920, these statistics were prepared by the United Stewardship Council and known as United Stewardship Council Statistics of Giving. January 1, 1951 The United Stewardship Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States and Canada united with seven other national councils to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Four other interdenominational bodies also united. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence is the successor of the United Stewardship Council. On September 1, 1951, The Rev. T. K. Thompson became Executive Director with office at 297 Fourth Ave., New York, succeeding Dr. Harry S. Myers who had been Secretary and prepared these statistics since the fall of 1921.

## COOPERATION OF COMMUNIONS

During the first years the number of communions reporting was 18, but during recent years fifty have reported. These statistics are taken from officially signed reports made by the communion official responsible for statistics. There are still some strange items. The National Baptists Inc. could not report any contributions to Congregational Expenses and so their total contributions and their per member figures are in error. Some communions that had intended to report this year have not been able to get their report in time for this issue.

## LARGEST REPORTED CONTRIBUTIONS

The contributions reported on page 2 are 70 million larger than last year, a gain of over 6%. The total this year is \$1,207,898,308. This is not accounted for by some sudden spurt somewhere but by a steady annual increase since 1936. The growth is due to increased income, better methods of church finance, better promotion, increased practise of Stewardship, the Every Member Canvas, and a better motivation for giving.

If the contributions of Roman Catholics, Jews and about 200 small protestant communions were available, the total probably would exceed \$2,000,000,000.

## PER MEMBER GIVING

The membership increased 11% during the year under review. The per member contributions increased almost 5%, and stands at \$32.07 as shown on page 3. The chart on page 1 shows the comparative giving for 21 years. The report for 1930 included a part of the boom year 1929 and a part of the depression of 1930. The per member giving was \$23.37. In 1935 after four years of depression it dropped to \$12.10. In 1940 it was \$13.35. In 1945, \$16.17. In 1950, \$30.55. In 1951 \$32.07. This is for the fiscal years shown in the last column on page 2. This report shows a per member giving for Foreign Missions that is 4 cents less in the United States and 29 cents more in Canada than the preceding report. The average for all is a decrease of 2 cents. It is pitiable that we give so little for foreign missions, which is the giving that has done so much to bring peace and understanding among the peoples of the world.

## SMALL COMMUNIONS

The small communions are much more closely knit than the large ones. Some of them emphasize tithing much more than any large group, although they do not make tithing a condition of membership, but it is so emphasized that those who do not tithe feel uncomfortable. A larger proportion of the mem-

bers of small communions contribute than is true of larger ones.

Two communions that I have known rather intimately reported recently that less than one half of the members made any contribution of record for congregational expenses and less than one third contributed to Benevolences. The communions that give most per member are in this order (see page 3):

Free Methodist, Seventh Day Adventist, Wesleyan Methodist, Church of the Nazarene, Brethren in Christ, each of which is reported herein as giving more than \$100 per member. There is a Free Methodist church less than 500 feet from our home. The church to which we belong is in the opposite direction, a little more than a block. The Free Methodists in this church contributed \$350 per member during the last fiscal year. At the Conference held here in July it was reported as the church with largest per member contributions. This amount is ten times the average for all the communions and six times the amount of our church which is almost five times as large.

## INFLATION

During these years our income has increased from \$50,000,000,000 in 1935, to almost \$250 billion in 1951. The amounts we pay for clothes, food, shelter, taxes, jewelry, amusements, gum, candy, alcohol, tobacco, building homes, furnishing them has also increased. An advertisement of a nationally known firm recently said this increase was 48.3%. If our gifts had increased as our income has increased instead of \$32.07 per member we would have given \$60.50 per member. When a dollar was worth 100 cents it would do a certain amount of work in our local church and our missions. Not now. We have greatly increased giving but only increased work done by a very small percent.

In spite of the difficulties under which churches work, the constantly shifting membership, secularism, increased cost of everything, the communions have made a notable advance in these last few years. We need to take heart and work harder. Our Stewardship promotion is taking effect.

## DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

Many denominations divide the membership into two classes: Those younger than thirteen, and those thirteen and older. We use the former figure where available, but in some cases use the total membership where the division is not made.



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# TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIVING DONORS

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s				Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational		Other	Total			
	Budget	Total					
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 32,306,066	\$ 34,092,364	\$ 29,900	\$ 34,122,264	\$ 6,933,911	\$ 41,056,175	December 31, 1951
2. Baptist: *American Convention	6,503,432	6,830,746	1,913,872	8,744,618	45,320,755	54,065,373	April 30, 1952
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.		310,000		310,000		310,000	June 30, 1952
4. Seventh Day General Conference	30,555	37,110		37,110	155,656	192,766	June 30, 1952
5. Southern Convention	37,268,172	37,268,172		37,268,172	185,569,937	222,838,109	January 1, 1952
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)		411,197		411,197	961,921	1,373,118	June 30, 1950
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11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	97,860	129,601	62,265	191,866	1,081,587	1,273,453	June 30, 1952
12. *Congregational Christian	4,072,204	6,225,415		6,225,415	47,716,086	53,941,501	October 31, 1950
13. *Disciples of Christ	6,256,240	7,206,240	1,057,398	8,263,638	51,854,382	60,118,020	December 31, 1951
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	22,401	22,401	318	22,719	38,676	61,395	June 30, 1952
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church		4,500		4,500	3,500	8,000	December 31, 1951
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	2,599,686	3,692,405	443,576	4,135,981	24,987,405	29,123,386	December 31, 1951
17. *Evangelical Congregational				427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	March 31, 1952
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	2,317,249	5,059,508	354,364	5,413,872	24,038,004	29,451,876	October 31, 1952
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	236,943	236,943		236,943	296,969	533,912	June 30, 1952
20. International Foursquare Gospel	508,163	509,930		509,930	3,017,616	3,527,546	June 30, 1952
21. Lutheran: *American	2,844,442	3,787,895	1,040,914	4,828,809	20,992,889	25,821,698	December 31, 1951
22. *Augustana Evangelical	1,314,470	2,208,422	839,020	3,047,442	13,772,166	16,819,608	December 31, 1951
23. Evangelical	2,289,691	4,155,103	2,991,333	7,146,436	23,007,662	30,154,098	January 31, 1952
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	99,711	134,621	9,222	143,843	537,329	681,172	January 31, 1952
25. Missouri Synod	4,334,911	11,910,393		11,910,393	54,520,811	66,431,204	March 31, 1952
26. Norwegian	52,745	61,560		61,560	228,664	290,224	December 31, 1951
27. *United	5,220,280	13,252,272		13,252,272	44,690,274	57,942,546	April 30, 1952
28. United Evangelical		174,042	102,426	276,468	1,599,028	1,875,496	December 31, 1951
29. Wisconsin and Other States	1,326,959	1,326,959	148,836	1,475,795	6,012,130	7,487,925	December 31, 1950
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	133,844	133,844		133,844	42,733	176,577	January 1, 1951
31. General Conference	582,062	948,682	175,763	1,124,445	1,372,533	2,496,978	December 31, 1951
32. Mennonite Church		1,866,821		1,866,821	1,329,940	3,196,761	December 31, 1951
33. Methodist: Free	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	Sept. 30, 1952
34. *Methodist Church	21,304,964	40,120,363		40,120,363	228,503,451	268,623,814	December 31, 1951
35. Wesleyan	338,029	549,391	419,243	968,634	4,002,728	4,971,362	December 31, 1951
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	584	1,834	526	2,360	20,404	22,764	July 1, 1951
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	155,577	259,818	8,280	268,098	889,333	1,157,431	December 31, 1951
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	71,000	71,000		71,000	71,000	71,000	August 31, 1951
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	140,069	331,170	35,618	366,788	896,735	1,263,523	March 31, 1952
40. Cumberland	257,280	257,280		257,280	1,594,720	1,852,000	December 31, 1951
41. Orthodox	116,941	116,941		116,941	394,368	511,309	March 31, 1951
42. *U. S.	10,244,159	10,744,159	961,255	11,705,414	36,061,017	47,766,431	March 31, 1952
43. *U. S. A.	13,732,539	18,436,236		18,436,236	94,405,629	112,841,865	December 31, 1951
44. *United	1,276,612	2,731,976	146,628	2,878,604	9,131,652	12,010,256	December 31, 1951
45. *Protestant Episcopal	8,737,008	10,533,129		10,533,129	54,795,356	65,328,485	December 31, 1951
46. *Reformed in America	1,986,615	1,986,615	536,162	2,522,777	9,449,950	11,972,727	December 31, 1951
47. United Brethren in Christ		329,812		329,812	1,146,947	1,476,759	October 31, 1952
Total U. S., 1952	\$172,823,939	\$236,793,314	\$ 12,580,118	\$249,801,078	\$1,036,832,082	\$1,286,633,160	
Total U. S., 1951	161,753,621	217,987,530	14,075,307	232,063,837	934,379,811	1,166,443,648	
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 278,851	\$ 644,944	\$ 5,977	\$ 650,921	\$ 2,179,542	\$ 2,830,463	April 30, 1952
49. *Union of Western Canada	98,619	142,870	19,379	162,249	544,914	707,163	April 30, 1952
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	329,373	329,373	401	329,774	1,215,213	1,544,987	June 30, 1952
51. *Church of England in Canada	13,240,374	13,240,374		13,240,374	7,542,425	20,782,799	December 31, 1951
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	831,598	831,598	233,868	1,065,466	4,761,696	5,827,162	December 31, 1951
53. *United Church of Canada	4,581,816	4,883,911	837,185	5,721,096	21,888,200	27,609,296	December 31, 1951
Total Canada, 1952	\$ 19,360,631	\$ 20,073,070	\$ 1,096,810	\$ 21,169,880	\$ 38,131,990	\$ 59,301,870	
Total Canada, 1951 <sup>1</sup>	18,797,057	19,837,253	794,115	20,631,368	35,476,593	\$ 56,107,961	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	\$192,184,570	\$256,866,384	\$ 13,676,928	\$270,970,958	\$1,074,964,072	\$1,345,935,030	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1951	180,550,678	237,824,783	14,869,422	252,695,205	969,856,404	1,222,551,609	

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

\* Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

<sup>1</sup> 1951 Revised.



# PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIVING DONORS

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions
	Denominational		Total			
	Budget	Total				
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$124.17	\$131.03	\$131.15	\$ 26.65	\$157.80	\$ 30.99
2. Baptist: *American Convention	4.19	4.41	5.64	29.23	34.87	1.06
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.		0.07	0.07		0.07	0.05
4. Seventh Day General Conference	4.88	5.93	5.93	24.87	30.80	1.03
5. Southern Convention	5.32	5.32	5.32	26.51	31.83	5.05
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)		21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05
7. *Church of the Brethren	6.40	11.56	14.85	29.16	44.01	1.92
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	6.09	6.09	6.39	18.84	25.23	1.96
9. Brethren in Christ	28.33	43.83	50.39	73.92	124.31	10.05
10. *Church of the Nazarene	6.74	15.62	18.48	93.28	111.76	6.72
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	3.26	4.32	6.40	36.05	42.45	1.58
12. *Congregational Christian	3.28	5.01	5.01	38.44	43.45	0.92
13. *Disciples of Christ	3.49	4.02	4.61	28.91	33.52	1.03
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	7.35	7.35	7.46	12.70	20.16	0.33
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church		0.16	0.16	0.12	0.28	0.15
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	3.50	4.97	5.56	33.63	39.19	0.87
17. *Evangelical Congregational		7.06	7.55	47.10	62.36	3.05
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	3.23	39.22	39.22	33.54	41.09	18.18
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	6.66	6.68	6.68	49.15	88.37	19.19
20. International Foursquare Gospel	5.43	7.23	9.21	40.05	49.26	20.20
21. Lutheran: *American	3.94	6.61	9.13	41.24	50.37	21.21
22. *Augustana Evangelical	3.78	6.87	11.81	38.02	49.83	1.00
23. Evangelical	4.54	6.13	6.55	24.48	31.03	1.30
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	3.62	9.95	9.95	45.56	55.51	25.25
25. Missouri Synod	7.33	8.56	8.56	31.80	40.36	0.91
26. Norwegian		9.31	9.31	31.39	40.70	26.26
27. *United	3.67	5.27	8.37	48.43	56.80	27.27
28. United Evangelical		6.19	6.88	28.04	34.92	1.22
29. Wisconsin and Other States	6.19	70.18	70.18	22.41	92.59	29.29
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	11.19	18.24	21.62	26.40	48.02	30.30
31. General Conference		28.07	28.07	20.00	48.07	31.31
32. Mennonite Church		53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	32.32
33. Methodist: Free	24.82	4.43	4.43	25.20	29.63	33.33
34. *Methodist Church	2.35	15.72	27.71	114.50	142.21	1.05
35. Wesleyan	9.67	0.92	1.18	10.20	11.38	34.34
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	0.29	11.61	11.98	39.73	51.71	6.03
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	6.95	41.04	41.04		41.04	35.35
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	41.04	12.58	13.93	34.06	47.99	0.13
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	5.32	3.30	3.30	20.44	23.74	36.36
40. Cumberland	3.30	20.05	20.05	67.63	87.68	4.02
41. Orthodox	20.05	14.20	16.22	66.19	82.41	37.37
42. *U. S. ....	14.20	14.89	16.22	49.97	66.19	38.38
43. *U. S. A. ....	5.53	7.43	7.43	38.03	45.46	1.90
44. *United	5.87	12.55	13.23	41.96	55.19	39.39
45. *Protestant Episcopal	5.27	6.34	6.34	33.00	39.34	6.26
46. *Reformed in America	10.44	10.44	13.25	49.65	62.90	2.96
47. United Brethren in Christ		17.40	17.40	60.51	77.91	4.89
Average U. S., 1952	\$ 5.27	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.66	\$ 31.43	\$ 34.32	\$ 1.34
Average U. S., 1951	4.48	6.04	6.43	29.18	32.33	1.31
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 5.42	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.66	\$ 42.38	\$ 55.04	\$ 2.56
49. *Union of Western Canada	5.88	8.51	9.67	32.47	42.14	2.23
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	4.97	4.97	4.97	18.33	23.30	1.37
51. *Church of England in Canada	12.08	12.08	12.08	6.88	18.96	5.05
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	4.69	4.69	6.01	26.85	32.86	1.31
53. *United Church of Canada	5.49	5.86	6.86	26.24	33.10	5.25
Average Canada, 1952	\$ 8.64	\$ 8.95	\$ 9.44	\$ 17.01	\$ 26.45	\$ 1.68
Average Canada, 1951	8.44	8.90	9.26	15.92	25.18	1.63
General Average, U. S. and Canada, 1952	\$ 5.49	\$ 6.47	\$ 6.82	\$ 30.51	\$ 33.88	\$ 1.35
General Average, U. S. and Canada, 1951	5.16	5.99	6.36	27.54	30.79	1.33

Source: Computed from official reports of the religious bodies.

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† 1951 Revised.

‡ Not Revised.

§ 1950



1935-39 are taken as 100. The annual per capita gifts for the years 1935-39, averaging \$12.94, was also regarded as 100.

Comparison of trends is given in chart two and shows, for example, that per capita giving since about 1947 has increased at a more rapid rate than the consumer price index.

In general, it appears that in most years since 1934 the trend of per capita giving has been in the same direction as the consumer price index.

Between 1930 and 1934 per capita giving dropped more rapidly than the cost of living.

### SOURCES

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 32nd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years. It was estimated by F. Emerson Andrews of the Russell Sage Foundation in his book, *Philanthropic Giving*, that churches in 1949 received about half of the total philanthropic giving in the U.S.A., almost \$1,900,000,000 out of a total of almost \$4,000,000,000 given for all purposes to education, charity and religion.

### DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the reporting official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

Also, the figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey. Thus considerable confusion has resulted from publication of both sets of figures. Because of all of these considerations, the total of the membership stated by the official reporting figures on giving has been posted in the office records, but it is not published in this report.

### SOME PER CAPITA GIFTS—ALL PURPOSES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita giving for all purposes are given, in order of rank, as follows:

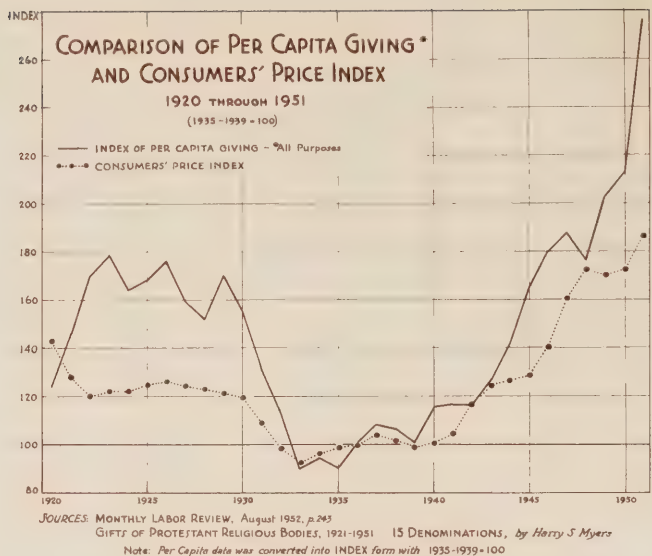


CHART TWO

Religious Body	Per Capita Gift
1. Free Methodist .....	\$194.79
2. Seventh Day Adventist .....	\$158.00
3. Wesleyan Methodist .....	\$142.21
4. Brethren in Christ .....	\$124.31
5. Church of the Nazarene .....	\$111.76
6. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite....	\$ 92.59
7. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	\$ 88.37
8. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	\$ 87.68
9. United Brethren in Christ .....	\$ 77.91
10. Brethren Church (Progressive) .....	\$ 72.31
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	\$ 66.19
12. Reformed Church in America .....	\$ 62.90
13. Evangelical Congregational .....	\$ 62.36
14. United Evangelical Lutheran .....	\$ 56.80

The median per capita is \$46.21 in the 47 denominations reporting.

The distribution of per capita gifts is as follows:

less than \$10	2 denominations	60-69	3 denominations
10-19	1 denomination	70-79	2 denominations
20-29	4 denominations	80-89	2 denominations
30-39	8 denominations	90-100	1 denomination
40-49	14 denominations	100 plus	5 denominations
50-59	5 denominations		
Total	47 denominations		

### PER CAPITA GIFTS FOR BENEVOLENCES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in the order of rank, are as follows:

Religious Body	Benevolence per capita
1. Seventh Day Adventist .....	\$131.00
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite Church .....	\$ 70.18
3. Free Methodist .....	\$ 53.90
4. Brethren in Christ .....	\$ 50.39
5. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness....	\$ 41.04
6. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) .....	\$ 39.22
7. Mennonite Church .....	\$ 28.07
8. Wesleyan Methodist .....	\$ 27.71
9. Brethren Church (Progressive) .....	\$ 21.65
10. General Conference Mennonite Church .....	\$ 21.62
11. Orthodox Presbyterian Church .....	\$ 20.05
12. Church of the Nazarene .....	\$ 18.48
13. United Brethren in Christ .....	\$ 17.40
14. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	\$ 16.22

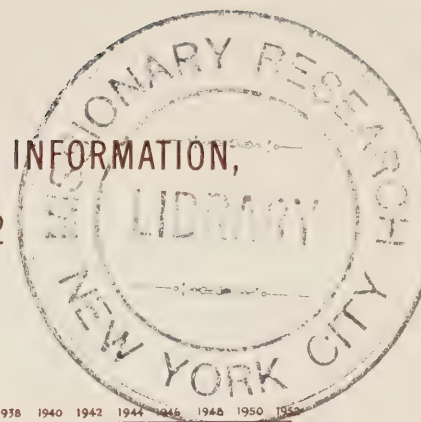
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# Statistics of Giving

A COMPILATION OF THE LATEST INFORMATION,  
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Forty-seven Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States report total contributions of \$1,286,633,160 for all purposes, compared with a total of \$1,166,443,648 reported a year earlier, an over-all gain of 10.3 per cent.

Congregational expenses amounted to \$1,036,832,082 in the 45 religious bodies reporting this item, a gain of \$102,452,271, or 11 per cent, over the figure given a year earlier.

Total benevolences amounted to \$249,801,078 in 47 denominations, a gain of \$17,737,241, or 7.6 per cent, over the previous annual figure compiled.

Total contributions were \$34.32 per capita, compared with \$32.33 a year ago, a gain of \$1.99 per member per year, or 6.1 per cent over the previous year, in the 47 denominations reporting.

The per capita gain in benevolences for the 47 reporting denominations was, however, only from \$6.43 to \$6.66, or 23 cents per member per year.

For foreign missions, one of the items in benevolences, the gain was only from \$1.31 per capita to \$1.34, or 3 cents per person per year.

## CANADIAN FIGURES

For six religious bodies in Canada, total contributions were \$59,301,870, compared with \$56,107,961, a revised figure for a year earlier, a gain of \$3,193,909, or 5.7 per cent.

In Canada, giving for congregational expenses increased 7.5 per cent over the previous year, while for total benevolences the gain was 2.6 per cent.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$26.45 in total contributions, an increase of \$1.27 per member per year over the previous report. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$15.92 per year to \$17.01, a gain of \$1.09, while for total benevolences the gain was only from \$9.26 per capita to \$9.44, or 18 cents per member per year.

For foreign missions, the members of Canadian churches gave \$1.68 per capita, compared with \$1.63, or a gain of 5 cents in the year.

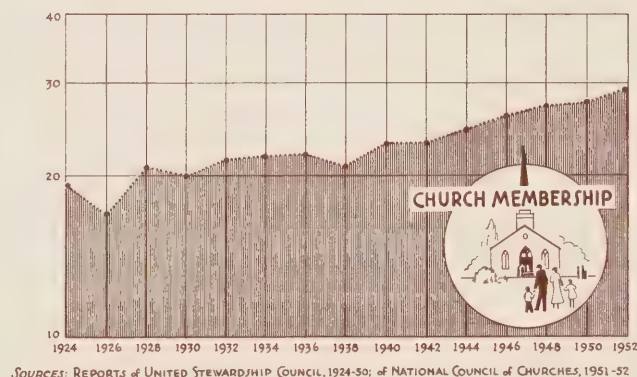
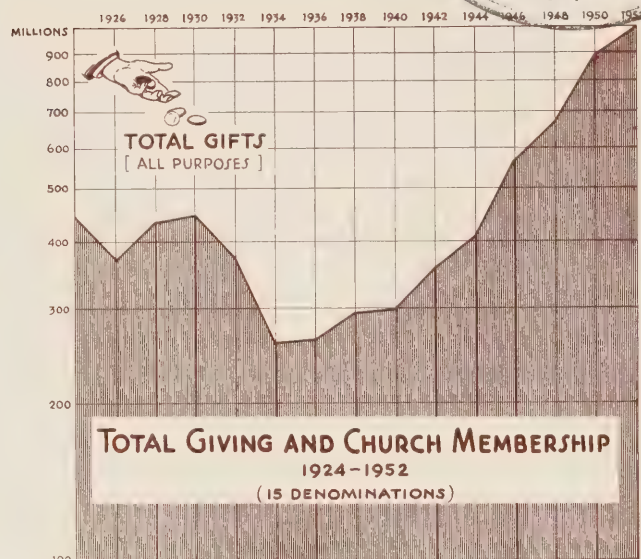
For details, see the tables below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. for the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

## GIVING AND INFLATION

For the purpose of answering at least partly certain questions that continually arise concerning the effect of deflation and inflation on giving, a special study has been made, comparing the trend in total giving in 15 Protestant denominations\* that have reported every year for every year since 1921 with the trend of church membership reported in these 15 bodies.

A comparison of the two trends, shown graphically in chart one, reveals that between 1926 and 1934 the reported church membership increased slightly, while from 1930 to 1934 the total giving considerably decreased.

From 1934 to 1952 church membership gradually



SOURCES: REPORTS OF UNITED STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL, 1924-50; OF NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, 1951-52

CHART ONE

increased, while total gifts for all purposes went up much more rapidly than the membership. The trends show graphically the common knowledge that there has been an inflation, particularly since 1940.

Another way of studying the matter has been to compare the trend in per capita gifts for all purposes in these 15 denominations with the trend in the consumer price index (all items) as compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for persons with moderate incomes in large cities of the United States. This is one of the recognized indices of the cost of living in the United States. It is not known, for example, whether the same trends apply to small cities, towns, and to rural areas or not, because there is no statistical index available for these.

In the consumer price index, the levels of the years

\*The fifteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist: American Convention  
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Brethren: Church of the Brethren  
Congregational Christian

Disciples of Christ  
Evangelical and Reformed  
Evangelical United Brethren  
Lutheran: United

Methodist: Methodist Church  
Moravian: Moravian Church  
(Northern Province)  
Presbyterian: U. S.

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Protestant Episcopal  
Reformed in America



# TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIVING DONORS

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s				Total	Other	Total	Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational		Total	Other						
	Budget	Total								
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 32,306,066	\$ 34,092,364	\$ 29,900	\$ 34,122,264	\$ 6,933,911	\$ 41,056,175	December 31, 1951			
2. Baptist: *American Convention	6,503,432	6,830,746	1,913,872	8,744,618	45,320,755	54,065,373	April 30, 1952			
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.		310,000		310,000		310,000	June 30, 1952			
4. Seventh Day General Conference	30,555	37,110		37,110	155,656	192,766	June 30, 1952			
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9. Brethren in Christ	178,405	276,002	41,316	317,318	465,472	782,790	June 30, 1952			
10. *Church of the Nazarene	1,635,042	3,787,022	693,968	4,480,990	22,618,078	27,099,068	December 31, 1951			
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	97,860	129,601	62,265	191,866	1,081,587	1,273,453	October 31, 1950			
12. *Congregational-Christian	4,072,204	6,225,415		6,225,415	47,716,086	53,941,501	December 31, 1951			
13. *Disciples of Christ	6,256,240	7,206,240	1,057,398	8,263,638	51,854,382	60,118,020	June 30, 1952			
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	22,401	22,401	318	22,719	38,676	61,395	December 31, 1951			
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church		4,500		4,500	3,500	8,000	December 31, 1951			
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	2,599,686	3,692,405	443,576	4,135,981	24,987,405	29,123,386	December 31, 1951			
17. *Evangelical Congregational				427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	March 31, 1952			
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	2,317,249	5,059,508	354,364	5,413,872	24,038,004	29,451,876	October 31, 1952			
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	236,943	236,943		236,943	296,969	533,912	June 30, 1952			
20. International Foursquare Gospel	508,163	509,930		509,930	3,017,616	3,527,546	December 31, 1951			
21. Lutheran: *American	2,844,442	3,787,895	1,040,914	4,828,809	20,992,889	25,821,698	December 31, 1951			
22. *Augustana Evangelical	1,314,470	2,208,422	839,020	3,047,442	13,772,166	16,819,608	January 31, 1952			
23. Evangelical	2,289,691	4,155,103	2,991,333	7,146,436	23,007,662	30,154,098	January 31, 1952			
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	99,711	134,621	9,222	143,843	537,329	681,172	March 31, 1952			
25. Missouri Synod	4,334,911	11,910,393		11,910,393	54,520,811	66,431,204	December 31, 1951			
26. Norwegian	52,745	61,560		61,560	228,664	290,224	April 30, 1952			
27. *United	5,220,280	13,252,272		13,252,272	44,690,274	57,942,546	December 31, 1951			
28. United Evangelical		174,042	102,426	276,468	1,599,028	1,875,496	December 31, 1951			
29. Wisconsin and Other States	1,326,959	1,326,959	148,836	1,475,795	6,012,130	7,487,925	December 31, 1950			
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	133,844	133,844		133,844	42,733	176,577	January 1, 1951			
31. General Conference	582,062	948,682	175,763	1,124,445	1,372,533	2,496,978	December 31, 1951			
32. Mennonite Church		1,866,821		1,866,821	1,329,940	3,196,761	December 31, 1951			
33. Methodist: Free	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	Sept. 30, 1952			
34. *Methodist Church	21,304,964	40,120,363		40,120,363	228,503,451	268,623,814	December 31, 1951			
35. Wesleyan	338,029	549,391	419,243	968,634	4,002,728	4,971,362	December 31, 1951			
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	584	1,834	526	2,360	20,404	22,764	July 1, 1951			
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	155,577	259,818	8,280	268,098	889,333	1,157,431	December 31, 1951			
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	71,000	71,000		71,000		71,000	August 31, 1951			
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	140,069	331,170	35,618	366,788	896,735	1,263,523	March 31, 1952			
40. Cumberland	257,280	257,280		257,280	1,594,720	1,852,000	December 31, 1951			
41. Orthodox	116,941	116,941		116,941	394,368	511,309	March 31, 1951			
42. *U. S.	10,244,159	10,744,159	961,255	11,705,414	36,061,017	47,766,431	March 31, 1952			
43. *U. S. A.	13,732,539	18,436,236		18,436,236	94,405,629	112,841,865	December 31, 1951			
44. *United	1,276,612	2,731,976	146,628	2,878,604	9,131,652	12,010,256	December 31, 1951			
45. *Protestant Episcopal	8,577,008	10,533,129		10,533,129	54,795,356	65,328,485	December 31, 1951			
46. *Reformed in America	1,986,615	1,986,615	536,162	2,522,777	9,449,950	11,972,727	December 31, 1951			
47. United Brethren in Christ		329,812		329,812	1,146,947	1,476,759	October 31, 1952			
Total U. S., 1952	\$172,823,939	\$236,793,314	\$ 12,580,118	\$249,801,078	\$1,036,832,082	\$1,286,633,160				
Total U. S., 1951	161,753,621	217,987,530	14,075,307	232,063,837	934,379,811	1,166,443,648				
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 278,851	\$ 644,944	\$ 5,977	\$ 650,921	\$ 2,179,542	\$ 2,830,463	April 30, 1952			
49. *Union of Western Canada	98,619	142,870	19,379	162,249	544,914	707,163	April 30, 1952			
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	329,373	329,373	401	329,774	1,215,213	1,544,987	June 30, 1952			
51. *Church of England in Canada	13,240,374	13,240,374		13,240,374	7,542,425	20,782,799	December 31, 1951			
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	831,598	831,598	233,868	1,065,466	4,761,696	5,827,162	December 31, 1951			
53. *United Church of Canada	4,581,816	4,883,911	837,185	5,721,096	21,888,200	27,609,296	December 31, 1951			
Total Canada, 1952	\$ 19,360,631	\$ 20,073,070	\$ 1,096,810	\$ 21,169,880	\$ 38,131,990	\$ 59,301,870				
Total Canada, 1951	18,797,057	19,837,253	794,115	20,631,368	35,476,593	56,107,961				
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	\$192,184,570	\$256,866,384	\$ 13,676,928	\$270,970,958	\$1,074,964,072	\$1,345,935,030				
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1951	180,550,678	237,824,783	14,869,422	252,695,205	969,856,404	1,222,551,609				

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

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# PER MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM LIVING DONORS

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions
	Denominational		Total			
	Budget	Total				
1. Adventists: Seventh Day .....	\$124.17	\$131.03	\$131.15	\$ 26.65	\$157.80	\$ 30.99
2. Baptist: *American Convention .....	4.19	4.41	5.64	29.23	34.87	1.06
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc. ....		0.07	0.07		0.07	0.05
4. Seventh Day General Conference .....	4.88	5.93	5.93	24.87	30.80	
5. Southern Convention .....	5.32	5.32	5.32	26.51	31.83	1.03
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship) .....		21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05
7. *Church of the Brethren .....	6.40	11.56	14.85	29.16	44.01	1.92
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren .....	6.09	6.09	6.39	18.84	25.23	1.96
9. Brethren in Christ .....	28.33	43.83	50.39	73.92	124.31	10.05 <sup>1</sup>
10. *Church of the Nazarene .....	6.74	15.62	18.48	93.28	111.76	6.72
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership) .....	3.26	4.32	6.40	36.05	42.45	1.58
12. *Congregational Christian .....	3.28	5.01	5.01	38.44	43.45	0.92
13. *Disciples of Christ .....	3.49	4.02	4.61	28.91	33.52	1.03
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian) .....	7.35	7.35	7.46	12.70	20.16	0.33
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church .....		0.16	0.16	0.12	0.28	
16. *Evangelical and Reformed .....	3.50	4.97	5.56	33.63	39.19	0.87
17. *Evangelical Congregational .....			15.26	47.10	62.36	3.05
18. *Evangelical United Brethren .....	3.23	7.06	7.55	33.54	41.09	
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) .....	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36
20. International Foursquare Gospel .....	6.66	6.68	6.68	39.53	46.21	4.28
21. Lutheran: *American .....	5.43	7.23	9.21	40.05	49.26	0.67
22. *Augustana Evangelical .....	3.94	6.61	9.13	41.24	50.37	1.65
23. Evangelical .....	3.78	6.87	11.81	38.02	49.83	1.00
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod) .....	4.54	6.13	6.55	24.48	31.03	1.30
25. Missouri Synod .....	3.62	9.95	9.95	45.56	55.51	0.91
26. Norwegian .....	7.33	8.56	8.56	31.80	40.36	
27. *United .....	3.67	9.31	9.31	31.39	40.70	0.77
28. United Evangelical .....		5.27	8.37	48.43	56.80	1.22
29. Wisconsin and Other States .....	6.19	6.19	6.88	28.04	34.92	2.89
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical .....	70.18	70.18	70.18	22.41	92.59	8.73
31. General Conference .....	11.19	18.24	21.62	26.40	48.02	6.59
32. Mennonite Church .....		28.07	28.07	20.00	48.07	
33. Methodist: Free .....	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77
34. *Methodist Church .....	2.35	4.43	4.43	25.20	29.63	1.05 <sup>1</sup>
35. Wesleyan .....	9.67	15.72	27.71	114.50	142.21	6.03
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren .....	0.29	0.92	1.18	10.20	11.38	0.13
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province) .....	6.95	11.61	11.98	39.73	51.71	4.02
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness .....	41.04	41.04	41.04		41.04	
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod) .....	5.32	12.58	13.93	34.06	47.99	1.90
40. Cumberland .....	3.30	3.30	3.30	20.44	23.74	1.17
41. Orthodox .....	20.05	20.05	20.05	67.63	87.68	6.26
42. *U. S. A. .....	14.20	14.89	16.22	49.97	66.19	2.96
43. *U. S. A. .....	5.53	7.43	7.43	38.03	45.46	2.07
44. *United .....	5.87	12.55	13.23	41.96	55.19	4.89
45. *Protestant Episcopal .....	5.27	6.34	6.34	33.00	39.34	1.22
46. *Reformed in America .....	10.44	10.44	13.25	49.65	62.90	3.89
47. United Brethren in Christ .....		17.40	17.40	60.51	77.91	
Average U. S., 1952 .....	\$ 5.27	\$ 6.32	\$ 6.66	\$ 31.43	\$ 34.32	\$ 1.34
Average U. S., 1951 .....	4.48	6.04	6.43	29.18	32.33	1.31
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec .....	\$ 5.42	\$ 12.54	\$ 12.66	\$ 42.38	\$ 55.04	\$ 2.56
49. *Union of Western Canada .....	5.88	8.51	9.67	32.47	42.14	2.23
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces .....	4.97	4.97	4.97	18.33	23.30	1.37
51. *Church of England in Canada .....	12.08	12.08	12.08	6.88	18.96	
52. *Presbyterian in Canada .....	4.69	4.69	6.01	26.85	32.86	1.31
53. *United Church of Canada .....	5.49	5.86	6.86	26.24	33.10	1.72
Average Canada, 1952 .....	\$ 8.64	\$ 8.95	\$ 9.44	\$ 17.01	\$ 26.45	\$ 1.68
Average Canada, 1951 <sup>1</sup> .....	8.44	8.90	9.26	15.92	25.18	1.63 <sup>2</sup>
General Average, U. S. and Canada, 1952 .....	\$ 5.49	\$ 6.47	\$ 6.82	\$ 30.51	\$ 33.88	\$ 1.35
General Average, U. S. and Canada, 1951 <sup>1</sup> .....	5.16	5.99	6.36	27.54	30.79	1.33 <sup>2</sup>

Source: Computed from official reports of the religious bodies.

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<sup>1</sup> 1951 Revised. <sup>2</sup> Not Revised. <sup>3</sup> 1950

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1935-39 are taken as 100. The annual per capita gifts for the years 1935-39, averaging \$12.94, was also regarded as 100.

Comparison of trends is given in chart two and shows, for example, that per capita giving since about 1947 has increased at a more rapid rate than the consumer price index.

In general, it appears that in most years since 1934 the trend of per capita giving has been in the same direction as the consumer price index.

Between 1930 and 1934 per capita giving dropped more rapidly than the cost of living.

### SOURCES

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 32nd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years. It was estimated by F. Emerson Andrews of the Russell Sage Foundation in his book, *Philanthropic Giving*, that churches in 1949 received about half of the total philanthropic giving in the U.S.A., almost \$1,900,000,000 out of a total of almost \$4,000,000,000 given for all purposes to education, charity and religion.

### DEFINITIONS

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### CONCERNING MEMBERSHIP

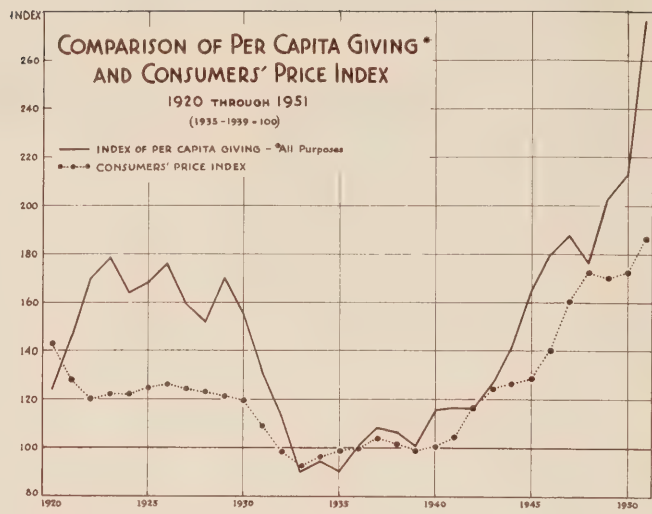
The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the reporting official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

Also, the figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey. Thus considerable confusion has resulted from publication of both sets of figures. Because of all of these considerations, the total of the membership stated by the official reporting figures on giving has been posted in the office records, but it is not published in this report.

### SOME PER CAPITA GIFTS—ALL PURPOSES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita giving for all purposes are given, in order of rank, as follows:



SOURCES: MONTHLY LABOR REVIEW, August 1952, p. 243  
GIFT OF PROTESTANT RELIGIOUS BODIES, 1921-1951 15 DENOMINATIONS, by Harry S. Myers  
Note: Per Capita data was converted into INDEX form with 1935-1939=100

CHART TWO

Religious Body	Per Capita Gift
1. Free Methodist .....	\$194.79
2. Seventh Day Adventist .....	\$158.00
3. Wesleyan Methodist .....	\$142.21
4. Brethren in Christ .....	\$124.31
5. Church of the Nazarene .....	\$111.76
6. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite....	\$ 92.59
7. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	\$ 88.37
8. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	\$ 87.68
9. United Brethren in Christ .....	\$ 77.91
10. Brethren Church (Progressive) .....	\$ 72.31
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	\$ 66.19
12. Reformed Church in America .....	\$ 62.90
13. Evangelical Congregational .....	\$ 62.36
14. United Evangelical Lutheran .....	\$ 56.80

The median per capita is \$46.21 in the 47 denominations reporting.

The distribution of per capita gifts is as follows:

less than \$10	2 denominations	60-69	3 denominations
10-19	1 denomination	70-79	2 denominations
20-29	4 denominations	80-89	2 denominations
30-39	8 denominations	90-100	1 denomination
40-49	14 denominations	100 plus	5 denominations
50-59	5 denominations		

Total .....47 denominations

### PER CAPITA GIFTS FOR BENEVOLENCES

The fourteen denominations reporting the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in the order of rank, are as follows:

Religious Body	Benevolence per capita
1. Seventh Day Adventist .....	\$131.00
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite Church .....	\$ 70.18
3. Free Methodist .....	\$ 53.90
4. Brethren in Christ .....	\$ 50.39
5. Pentecostal Fire Baptized Holiness....	\$ 41.04
6. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) .....	\$ 39.22
7. Mennonite Church .....	\$ 28.07
8. Wesleyan Methodist .....	\$ 27.71
9. Brethren Church (Progressive) .....	\$ 21.65
10. General Conference Mennonite Church .....	\$ 21.62
11. Orthodox Presbyterian Church .....	\$ 20.05
12. Church of the Nazarene .....	\$ 18.48
13. United Brethren in Christ .....	\$ 17.40
14. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	\$ 16.22

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# Statistics of Giving

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**Total contributions** from living donors for all purposes reported by 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States amounted to \$1,401,114,217, a gain of 8.9 per cent over the figure of \$1,286,323,160 reported by the same religious bodies a year earlier.

For local congregational expenses, 45 bodies reported gifts of \$1,114,810,848, a gain of 7.5 per cent over the amount of \$1,036,832,082 the previous year.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 46 denominations reported receipts of \$286,303,369, compared with \$249,491,078, a gain of 14.8 per cent for the year.

The per capita total contribution in 46 bodies was \$41.94 for the year, compared with \$38.99 a year earlier, a gain of \$2.95 per member, or 7.6 per cent.

In benevolences the giving in 46 bodies was \$8.57 per capita, compared with \$7.56, an increase of 13.4 per cent, or \$1.01 per member.

## Canadian Figures

Six religious bodies in Canada report a higher rate of annual gain in congregational expenses and in total contributions, but not in benevolences, when compared with the 46 U.S. denominations. Certain errors made in the official reports a year ago from one denomination in Canada have been corrected, and the reporting now appears to be on the same basis for both years.

Total contributions reported by six bodies were \$53,153,103, compared with \$47,466,807 a year earlier, a gain of 12 per cent, higher than the rate of gain in 46 U.S. bodies.

Congregational expenses in the six bodies increased from \$38,131,939 to \$42,772,207, a gain of 12.2 per cent, also in excess of the rate of gain in the U.S.

However, the rate of gain in total benevolences, including home and foreign missions, was lower than in U.S. — 11.2 per cent. The contributions amounted to \$10,380,896 this year, compared with \$9,334,868 reported a year ago.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$32.18 per year for all contributions, an increase from \$29.02 a year earlier, or 10.9 per cent, or \$3.16 per member. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$23.81 to \$25.89, or \$2.57 — 11 per cent.

Total benevolences per capita increased 57 cents per member in the year, from \$5.71 to \$6.28, or 10 per cent.

## Foreign Missions

In the category of foreign missions, 40 bodies in the United States reported contributions of \$53,383,453, an increase of 6.4 per cent, over the \$50,172,726 reported a year earlier by 40 denominations. Per capita giving to foreign missions advanced from \$1.38 per year to \$1.45, an increase of seven cents per member.

In Canada, 5 denominations reported gifts to foreign missions of \$2,042,148, an increase of 5.8 per cent over the year previous. Per capita giving to foreign missions is higher in Canada than in the U.S., advancing from \$1.68 to the current \$1.76, an increase of eight cents a member a year.

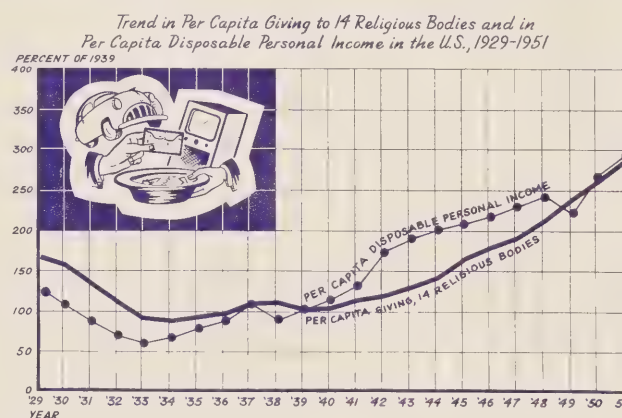
*For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.*

## Some Long Time Trends in Giving to 14 Bodies in the U.S.A.

In *Statistics of Giving*, published a year ago, two charts were published to indicate the trends in total giving to 15 denominations, the trend in church membership, and a comparison of per capita giving and the consumer price index for the years 1924-51. For lack of space these cannot be repeated here.

This year a number of other comparisons are made of the data for 14\* denominations for the years 1929-51, inclusive, with certain economic data for the same years. In these computations the figures on giving published for 1952 have been regarded as for 1951, and so for all other years. The economic data are all from U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In all the charts the figures for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with this year as a "base." It is regarded by many as a year before the activities of World War II began to affect the economy of the United States.



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In Chart I will be seen the trend in per capita disposable\*\* personal income compared with the trend in per capita giving to 14 denominations. To the lay observer it may be said that the two lines have moved together. As a per cent of 1939, per capita giving was lower than per capita disposable personal income from the year 1929 to about 1937; the two were close in 1937-40. During the war years and later, 1941-48, per capita disposable income moved up more rapidly than per capita giving. Since 1948 the trend in the two has been much the same.

To give figures: Per capita disposable income in 1929 was 126.5 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272 per cent of 1939.

Per capita giving in 1929 was 164.9 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272.3 per cent of 1939.

\*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist: American Convention Baptist: Southern Convention  
Brethren: Church of the Brethren Congregational Christian  
Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical  
United Brethren Lutheran: United Methodist: Methodist  
Church Presbyterian: U. S. Presbyterian: U. S. A. Presby-  
terian: United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

\*\*Personal income, minus taxes.



## Total Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Membership
	Denominational		Total				
	Budget	Total					

1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 34,902,639	\$ 36,666,464	\$ 13,721	\$ 36,680,185	\$ 7,696,484	\$ 44,376,669	\$ 8,588,141	268,533
2. Baptist: *American Convention	7,095,808	7,670,454	2,024,049	9,694,503	48,042,425	57,736,928	1,855,030	1,564,210
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.							214,443	4,526,478
4. Seventh Day General Conference	49,700	49,700		49,700	211,718	261,418	11,002	6,237
5. Southern Convention	36,480,240	45,822,830		45,822,830	202,181,489	248,004,319	7,785,699	7,000,000
6. Brethren: *Progressive (National Fellowship)					961,921	1,373,118	320,214	18,988
7. *Church of the Brethren	1,114,742	1,638,173	554,982	2,193,155	4,898,469	7,091,624	31,023	168,258
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	114,736	114,736	16,577	131,313	507,646	638,959	6,419	18,610
9. Brethren in Christ	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		6,419
10. *Church of the Nazarene	1,859,166	4,350,131	760,305	5,110,436	24,409,278	29,519,714	1,693,300	250,223
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	33,500
12. *Congregational Christian	4,274,038	6,561,443		6,561,443	48,611,374	55,172,817	1,289,722	1,269,466
13. *Disciples of Christ	6,959,293	7,909,293	1,060,398	8,969,691	51,746,382	60,716,073	1,982,852	1,824,062
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian)	18,476	18,476	320	18,796	13,597	32,393	2,200	3,342
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	4,000	5,000	2,000	7,000	10,000	17,000	250	36,816
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	752,144
17. *Evangelical Congregational				427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	85,363	28,029
18. *Evangelical United Brethren			370,675	5,979,290	27,534,958	33,514,248		720,320
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	2,468,300	5,608,615		236,943	296,969	533,912	74,658	6,042
20. International Foursquare Gospel	236,943	236,943		3,380,485	3,953,949	3,953,949	372,400	78,533
21. Lutheran: *American	573,464	573,464		4,855,624	22,707,168	27,562,792	362,249	541,251
22. *Augustana Evangelical	3,262,053	3,696,423	1,159,201	3,537,040	16,161,758	565,495	339,437	22,617
23. Evangelical	2,943,509	2,943,805	593,235	3,537,040	23,268,332	30,486,231	650,832	617,545
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	2,366,014	4,649,038	7,217,899	98,404	560,302	658,706	16,407	22,589
25. Missouri Synod	97,364	97,364	1,040	23,883,173	57,989,964	81,873,137	1,635,308	1,230,512
26. Norwegian	4,652,306	23,883,173		67,633	286,236	353,869		7,244
27. *United	7,444,459	12,806,067		12,806,067	50,207,324	63,013,391	1,399,078	1,448,427
28. United Evangelical	236,074	324,946	41,431	366,377	1,552,982	1,919,359	55,812	33,700
29. Wisconsin and Other States	1,427,429	1,486,268	184,371	1,670,639	7,387,173	9,057,812		218,520
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	120,338	120,338	5,388	125,726	74,949	200,675	56,992	2,062
31. General Conference	788,143	980,771	207,145	1,187,916	1,346,887	2,534,803	201,987	35,828
32. Mennonite Church				1,950,077	1,480,194	3,430,271		66,947
33. Methodist: Free	1,024,900	2,213,909		2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	527,380	41,298
34. *Methodist Church	23,056,337	42,318,470	12,254	42,318,470	247,472,725	289,791,195	10,766,506	9,180,428
35. Wesleyan	360,865	594,535	380,296	974,831	4,360,799	5,335,630	209,068	35,676
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	1,190	2,762	2,762	2,762	27,157	29,919	400	3,348
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	146,996	264,852		274,605	914,770	1,189,375	89,276	22,713
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	170,693	425,587	9,753	71,000		71,000		1,730
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	71,000	71,000		451,931		1,260,273	61,450	26,579
40. Cumberland	130,370	172,186		172,186	2,456,526	2,628,712	107,540	75,000
41. Orthodox	126,517	126,517		126,517	510,947	637,464	48,913	5,830
42. *U. S.	10,988,356	10,988,356		11,949,611	39,233,615	51,183,226	2,153,508	744,746
43. *U. S. A.	14,852,448	20,999,305		20,999,305	105,456,170	126,455,475	5,055,812	2,526,172
44. *United	1,882,474	2,654,344	241,886	2,896,230	9,408,852	12,305,082	817,531	222,201
45. *Protestant Episcopal	14,043,640	15,166,092		15,166,092	58,227,037	73,393,129	2,498,485	1,690,000
46. *Reformed in America	2,035,148	2,035,148	574,320	2,609,468	9,790,531	12,399,999	741,098	194,475
47. United Brethren in Christ	227,286	227,286		227,286	1,227,473	1,454,759	114,700	18,955
Total U. S., 1953	\$190,138,981	\$271,651,792	\$12,273,854	\$286,303,369	\$1,114,810,848	\$1,401,114,217	\$53,383,703	37,933,423
Total U. S., 1952 <sup>1</sup>	172,823,939	236,483,314	12,580,118	249,491,078	1,036,832,082	1,286,323,160	50,172,726	37,486,618
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec		679,014	12,093	691,107	\$ 1,989,173	\$ 2,680,280	\$ 169,913	50,752
49. *Union of Western Canada	\$ 312,739	170,029	12,501	182,530	739,570	922,100	41,012	16,700
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	128,056	391,402	608	392,010	1,326,717	1,718,727	119,487	66,064
51. *Church of England in Canada <sup>2</sup>				1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736		489,974
52. *Presbyterian in Canada		914,355	279,696	1,194,051	6,474,220	7,668,271	248,932	179,248
53. *United Church of Canada	4,918,398	6,027,414	488,422	6,515,836	24,700,153	31,215,989	1,462,804	849,256
Total Canada, 1953	\$ 6,664,950	\$ 8,182,214	\$ 793,320	\$ 10,380,896	\$ 42,772,207	\$ 53,153,103	\$ 2,042,148	1,651,994
Total Canada, 1952	6,120,257	6,832,696	1,096,810	9,334,868	38,131,939	47,466,807	1,929,407	1,635,917
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$196,803,931	\$279,834,006	\$13,067,174	\$296,684,265	\$1,157,583,055	\$1,454,267,320	\$55,425,851	39,585,417
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	178,944,196	243,316,010	13,676,928	258,825,946	1,074,964,021	1,333,789,967	52,102,133	39,122,535

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

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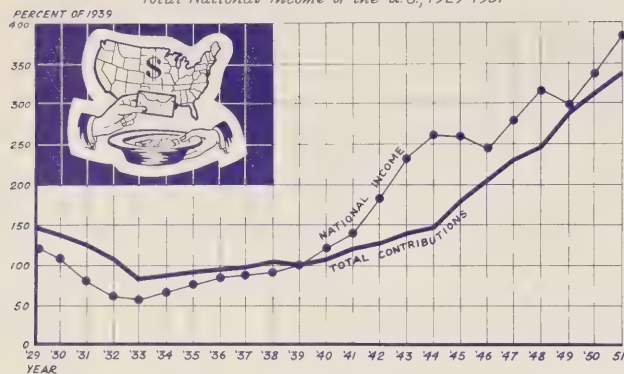
# Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational		Total				
	Budget	Total					
1. Adventists: Seventh Day .....	\$129.98	\$136.54	\$136.59	\$ 28.66	\$165.26	\$ 31.98	December 31, 1952 1.
2. Baptist: *American Convention .....	4.54	4.90	6.20	30.71	36.91	1.19	April 30, 1953 2.
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc. ....						.05	June 30, 1953 3.
4. Seventh Day General Conference .....	7.97	7.97	7.97	33.94	41.91	1.76	October 1, 1953 4.
5. Southern Convention .....	5.21	6.55	6.55	28.88	35.43	1.11	January 1, 1953 5.
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship) .....		21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05	June 30, 1950 6.
7. *Church of the Brethren .....	6.62	9.74	13.03	29.11	42.15	1.90	September 30, 1953 7.
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren .....	6.17	6.17	7.06	27.28	34.33	1.67	June 30, 1953 8.
9. Brethren in Christ .....	30.10	38.95	45.12	75.32	120.44		December 31, 1952 9.
10. *Church of the Nazarene .....	7.43	17.39	20.42	74.55	117.97	6.77	December 31, 1952 10.
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership) .....	2.57	2.57	2.57	33.02	35.59	.34	June 1, 1952 11.
12. *Congregational Christian .....	3.37	5.17	5.17	38.29	43.46	1.02	December 31, 1952 12.
13. *Disciples of Christ .....	3.82	4.34	4.92	28.37	33.29	1.09	June 30, 1952 13.
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean) .....	5.53	5.53	5.62	4.07	9.69	.66	June 30, 1953 14.
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America .....							December 31, 1952 15.
16. *Evangelical and Reformed .....	3.55	5.80	6.42	34.83	41.24	1.24	December 31, 1952 16.
17. *Evangelical Congregational .....			15.26	47.11	62.36 <sup>1</sup>	3.04	March 31, 1952 17.
18. *Evangelical United Brethren .....	3.43	7.79	8.30	38.22	46.52		October 31, 1953 18.
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) .....	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	June 30, 1952 19.
20. International Foursquare Gospel .....	7.30	7.30	7.30	43.04	50.35	4.74	December 31, 1952 20.
21. Lutheran: *American .....	6.03	6.83	8.97	41.95	50.92	.67	December 31, 1952 21.
22. *Augustana Evangelical .....	4.23	8.67	10.42	37.19	47.61	1.67	December 31, 1952 22.
23. Evangelical .....	3.83	7.53	11.69	37.68	49.37	1.05	January 31, 1953 23.
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod) .....	4.31	4.31	4.36	24.80	29.16	.73	December 31, 1952 24.
25. Missouri Synod .....	3.78	19.40	19.40	47.12	66.53	1.33	December 31, 1952 25.
26. Norwegian .....	9.21	9.34	9.34	39.51	48.85		May 1, 1953 26.
27. *United .....	5.14	8.84	8.84	34.66	43.50	.97	December 31, 1952 27.
28. United Evangelical .....	7.60	9.64	10.87	46.08	56.95	1.66	April 30, 1953 28.
29. Wisconsin and Other States .....	6.53	6.80	7.65	33.80	41.45		December 31, 1952 29.
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical .....	58.36	58.36	60.97	36.35	97.32	27.64	January 1, 1953 30.
31. General Conference .....	22.00	27.37	33.16	37.59	70.75	5.64	December 31, 1952 31.
32. Mennonite Church .....			29.13	22.11	51.24		December 31, 1951 32.
33. Methodist: Free .....	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77	September 30, 1952 33.
34. *Methodist Church .....	2.51	4.61	4.61	26.96	31.57	1.17	December 31, 1952 34.
35. Wesleyan .....	10.12	16.67	27.32	122.23	149.56	5.86	December 31, 1952 35.
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren .....	.36	.82	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	December 31, 1952 36.
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province) .....	6.47	11.66	12.09	40.28	52.36	3.93	December 31, 1952 37.
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness .....	41.04	41.04	41.04		41.04		August 31, 1951 38.
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod) .....	6.42	16.01	17.00	30.41	47.42	2.31	March 31, 1953 39.
40. Cumberland .....	1.74	2.30	2.30	32.75	35.04	1.43	December 31, 1952 40.
41. Orthodox .....	21.70	21.70	21.70	87.64	109.34	8.40	March 31, 1953 41.
42. *U. S. .....	14.75	14.75	16.04	52.68	68.73	2.89	March 31, 1953 42.
43. *U. S. A. .....	5.87	8.31	8.31	41.75	50.06	2.00	December 31, 1952 43.
44. *United .....	8.47	11.94	13.03	42.34	55.38	3.68	December 31, 1952 44.
45. *Protestant Episcopal .....	8.31	8.97	8.97	34.45	43.43	1.48	December 31, 1952 45.
46. *Reformed in America .....	10.46	10.46	13.42	50.34	63.76	3.81	December 31, 1952 46.
47. United Brethren in Christ .....	11.99	11.99	11.99	64.76	76.75	6.05	December 31, 1952 47.
Total U. S., 1953 .....	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.15	\$ 8.57	\$ 33.32	\$ 41.94	\$ 1.45	
Total U. S., 1952 <sup>1</sup> .....	5.26	7.17	7.56	31.43	38.99	1.38	
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec .....	\$ 6.16	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.62	\$ 39.19	\$ 52.81	\$ 3.35	April 30, 1953 48.
49. *Union of Western Canada .....	7.67	10.18	10.93	44.28	55.22	2.46	April 30, 1953 49.
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces .....	5.92	5.92	5.93	20.08	26.02	1.81	June 30, 1953 50.
51. *Church of England in Canada <sup>2</sup> .....			2.87	15.39	18.26		December 31, 1951 51.
52. *Presbyterian in Canada .....	5.10	5.10	6.66	36.12	42.78	1.39	December 31, 1952 52.
53. *United Church of Canada .....	5.79	7.10	7.67	29.08	36.76	1.72	December 31, 1952 53.
Total Canada, 1953 .....	\$ 5.74	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.28	\$ 25.89	\$ 32.18	\$ 1.76	
Total Canada, 1952 .....	5.34	5.96	5.71	23.31	29.02	1.68	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953 .....	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.12	\$ 8.46	\$ 33.02	\$ 41.48	\$ 1.46	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952 .....	5.26	7.13	7.48	31.04	38.52	1.37	

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. \* Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. <sup>1</sup> Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely. <sup>2</sup> Revised figure, 1951, latest available.



*Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total National Income of the U.S., 1929-1951*

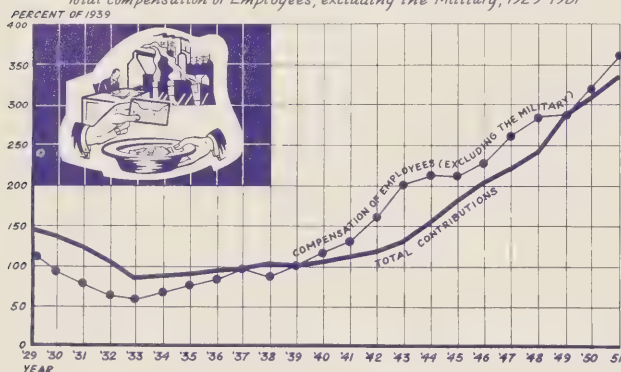


Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In Chart II, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total national income of the people of the U.S.A., 1929-51.

The total income of the people in 1929 was 120.4 per cent of 1939, while total contributions were 147.3 per cent of 1939. In 1951, national income was 382.7 per cent of 1939, and total contributions were only 341.8 per cent of 1939.

*Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total Compensation of Employees, excluding the Military, 1929-1951*



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In Chart III, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total compensation of employees in the United States, excluding the military. The figures on total contributions are, of course, the same as those in Chart II. Total compensation of employees was in 1929, 106.4 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 359 per cent of 1939.

These studies are regarded as preliminary and exploratory. It is hoped that they will be discussed, and that the discussion will result in more intensive studies in the future.

### Some Per Capita Gifts — All Purposes

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita giving for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

Religious Body	Per Capita Gift
1. Seventh-day Adventist .....	\$165.26
2. Wesleyan Methodist .....	149.56
3. Brethren in Christ .....	120.44
4. Church of the Nazarene .....	117.97
5. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	109.34
6. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite .....	97.32
7. United Brethren in Christ .....	76.76
8. Mennonite General Conference .....	70.75
9. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	68.73
10. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod .....	66.53
11. Reformed Church in America .....	63.76
12. United Evangelical Lutheran .....	56.95
13. United Presbyterian Church .....	55.38
14. Moravian Church (Northern Province) .....	52.36
15. The Mennonite Church .....	51.24

### Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

Religious Body	Benevolence Per Capita
1. Seventh-day Adventist .....	\$136.59
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite .....	60.97
3. Brethren in Christ .....	45.12
4. Mennonite General Conference .....	33.16
5. The Mennonite Church .....	29.12
6. Wesleyan Methodist .....	27.32
7. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	21.70
8. Church of the Nazarene .....	20.42
9. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod .....	19.40
10. Associate Reformed Presbyterian .....	17.00
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	16.04
12. Reformed Church in America .....	13.42
13. United Presbyterian Church .....	13.03
14. Church of the Brethren .....	13.03
15. Moravian Church (Northern Province) ....	12.09

### Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 33rd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

### Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary — anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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# Statistics of Giving

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**Total contributions** from living donors for all purposes reported by 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States amounted to \$1,401,114,217, a gain of 8.9 per cent over the figure of \$1,286,323,160 reported by the same religious bodies a year earlier.

For local congregational expenses, 45 bodies reported gifts of \$1,114,810,848, a gain of 7.5 per cent over the amount of \$1,036,832,082 the previous year.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 46 denominations reported receipts of \$286,303,369, compared with \$249,491,078, a gain of 14.8 per cent for the year.

The per capita total contribution in 46 bodies was \$41.94 for the year, compared with \$38.99 a year earlier, a gain of \$2.95 per member, or 7.6 per cent.

In benevolences the giving in 46 bodies was \$8.57 per capita, compared with \$7.56, an increase of 13.4 per cent, or \$1.01 per member.

## Canadian Figures

Six religious bodies in Canada report a higher rate of annual gain in congregational expenses and in total contributions, but not in benevolences, when compared with the 46 U.S. denominations. Certain errors made in the official reports a year ago from one denomination in Canada have been corrected, and the reporting now appears to be on the same basis for both years.

Total contributions reported by six bodies were \$53,153,103, compared with \$47,466,807 a year earlier, a gain of 12 per cent, higher than the rate of gain in 46 U.S. bodies.

Congregational expenses in the six bodies increased from \$38,131,939 to \$42,772,207, a gain of 12.2 per cent, also in excess of the rate of gain in the U.S.

However, the rate of gain in total benevolences, including home and foreign missions, was lower than in U.S. — 11.2 per cent. The contributions amounted to \$10,380,896 this year, compared with \$9,334,868 reported a year ago.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$32.18 per year for all contributions, an increase from \$29.02 a year earlier, or 10.9 per cent, or \$3.16 per member. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$23.81 to \$25.89, or \$2.57 — 11 per cent.

Total benevolences per capita increased 57 cents per member in the year, from \$5.71 to \$6.28, or 10 per cent.

## Foreign Missions

In the category of foreign missions, 40 bodies in the United States reported contributions of \$53,383,453, an increase of 6.4 per cent, over the \$50,172,726 reported a year earlier by 40 denominations. Per capita giving to foreign missions advanced from \$1.38 per year to \$1.45, an increase of seven cents per member.

In Canada, 5 denominations reported gifts to foreign missions of \$2,042,148, an increase of 5.8 per cent over the year previous. Per capita giving to foreign missions is higher in Canada than in the U.S., advancing from \$1.68 to the current \$1.76, an increase of eight cents a member a year.

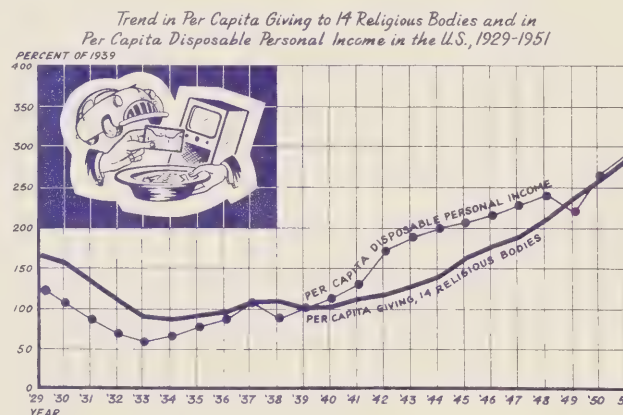
*For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.*

## Some Long Time Trends in Giving to 14 Bodies in the U.S.A.

In *Statistics of Giving*, published a year ago, two charts were published to indicate the trends in total giving to 15 denominations, the trend in church membership, and a comparison of per capita giving and the consumer price index for the years 1924-51. For lack of space these cannot be repeated here.

This year a number of other comparisons are made of the data for 14\* denominations for the years 1929-51, inclusive, with certain economic data for the same years. In these computations the figures on giving published for 1952 have been regarded as for 1951, and so for all other years. The economic data are all from U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In all the charts the figures for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with this year as a "base." It is regarded by many as a year before the activities of World War II began to affect the economy of the United States.



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In Chart I will be seen the trend in per capita disposable\*\* personal income compared with the trend in per capita giving to 14 denominations. To the lay observer it may be said that the two lines have moved together. As a per cent of 1939, per capita giving was lower than per capita disposable personal income from the year 1929 to about 1937; the two were close in 1937-40. During the war years and later, 1941-48, per capita disposable income moved up more rapidly than per capita giving. Since 1948 the trend in the two has been much the same.

To give figures: Per capita disposable income in 1929 was 126.5 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272 per cent of 1939.

Per capita giving in 1929 was 164.9 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272.3 per cent of 1939.

\*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist: American Convention Baptist: Southern Convention  
Brethren: Church of the Brethren Congregational Christian  
Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical  
United Brethren Lutheran: United Methodist: Methodist  
Church Presbyterian: U. S. Presbyterian: U. S. A. Presby-  
terian: United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

\*\*Personal income, minus taxes.



# Total Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s				Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Membership
	Denominational		Other	Total				
	Budget	Total						
1. Adventists: Seventh Day .....	\$ 34,902,639	\$ 36,666,464	\$ 13,721	\$ 36,680,185	\$ 7,696,484	\$ 44,376,669	\$ 8,588,141	268,533
2. Baptist: *American Convention .....	7,095,808	7,670,454	2,024,049	9,694,503	48,042,425	57,736,928	1,855,030	1,564,210
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc. ....							214,443	4,526,478
4. Seventh Day General Conference .....	49,700	49,700		49,700	211,718	261,418	11,002	6,237
5. Southern Convention .....	36,480,240	45,822,830		45,822,830	202,181,489	248,004,319	7,785,699	7,000,000
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship) .....		411,197		411,197	961,921	1,373,118		18,988
7. *Church of the Brethren .....	1,114,742	1,638,173	554,982	2,193,155	4,898,469	7,091,624	320,214	168,258
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren .....	114,736	114,736	16,577	131,313	507,646	638,959	31,023	18,610
9. Brethren in Christ .....	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		6,419
10. *Church of the Nazarene .....	1,859,166	4,350,131	760,305	5,110,436	24,409,278	29,519,714	1,693,300	250,223
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership) .....	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	33,500
12. *Congregational Christian .....	4,274,038	6,561,443		6,561,443	48,611,374	55,172,817	1,289,722	1,269,466
13. *Disciples of Christ .....	6,959,293	7,909,293	1,060,398	8,969,691	51,746,382	60,716,073	1,982,852	1,824,062
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian) .....	18,476	18,476	320	18,796	13,597	32,393	2,200	3,342
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America .....	4,000	5,000	2,000	7,000	10,000	17,000	250	36,816
16. *Evangelical and Reformed .....	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	752,144
17. *Evangelical Congregational .....				427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	85,363	28,029
18. *Evangelical United Brethren .....	236,943	236,943		236,943	27,534,958	33,514,248		720,320
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus) .....	573,464	573,464		573,464	296,969	533,912	74,658	6,042
20. International Foursquare Gospel .....	3,262,053	3,696,423		3,696,423	3,380,485	3,953,949	372,400	78,533
21. Lutheran: *American .....	1,436,509	2,943,805	1,159,201	4,855,624	22,707,168	27,562,792	362,249	541,251
22. *Augustana Evangelical .....	2,366,014	4,649,038	2,568,861	7,217,899	12,624,718	16,161,758	565,495	339,437
23. Evangelical .....	97,364	97,364	1,040	98,404	23,268,332	30,486,231	650,832	617,545
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod) .....	4,652,306	23,883,173		23,883,173	560,302	658,706	16,407	22,589
25. Missouri Synod .....	66,689	67,633		67,633	57,989,964	81,873,137	1,635,308	1,230,512
26. Norwegian .....	7,444,459	12,806,067		12,806,067	286,236	353,869	7,244	7,244
27. *United .....	256,074	324,946	41,431	366,377	50,207,324	63,013,391	1,399,078	1,448,427
28. United Evangelical .....	1,427,429	1,486,268	184,371	1,670,639	1,552,982	1,919,359	55,812	33,700
29. Wisconsin and Other States .....	120,338	120,338	5,388	125,726	7,387,173	9,037,812		218,520
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical .....	788,143	980,771	207,145	1,187,916	74,949	200,675	56,992	2,062
31. General Conference .....				1,950,077	1,346,887	2,534,803	201,987	35,828
32. Mennonite Church .....				2,226,163	1,480,194	3,430,271		66,947
33. Methodist: Free .....	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	527,380	41,298
34. *Methodist Church .....	23,056,337	42,318,470	380,296	42,318,470	247,472,725	289,791,195	10,766,506	9,180,428
35. Wesleyan .....	360,865	594,535		594,831	4,360,799	5,335,630	209,068	35,676
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren .....	146,996	264,852	9,753	274,605	914,770	1,189,375	400	3,348
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province) .....	71,000	71,000		71,000				1,730
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness .....	130,370	172,186	26,344	198,520	808,342	1,260,273	61,450	26,579
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod) .....	126,517	126,517		126,517	2,456,526	2,628,712	107,540	75,000
40. Cumberland .....	10,988,356	10,988,356		10,988,356	510,947	637,464	48,913	5,830
41. Orthodox .....	14,852,448	20,999,305	961,255	21,960,560	39,233,615	51,183,226	2,153,508	744,746
42. *U. S. ....	1,882,474	2,654,344		2,654,344	105,456,170	126,455,475	5,055,812	2,526,172
43. *U. S. A. ....	14,043,640	15,166,092	241,886	15,408,978	9,408,852	12,305,082	817,531	222,201
44. *United .....	2,035,148	2,035,148		2,035,148	58,227,037	73,393,129	2,498,485	1,690,000
45. *Protestant Episcopal .....			574,320	574,320	9,790,531	12,399,999	741,098	194,475
46. *Reformed in America .....				227,286	1,127,473	1,454,759	114,700	18,955
47. United Brethren in Christ .....								
Total U. S., 1953 .....	\$190,138,981	\$271,651,792	\$12,273,854	\$286,303,369	\$1,114,810,848	\$1,401,114,217	\$53,383,703	37,933,423
Total U. S., 1952 .....	172,823,939	236,483,314	12,580,118	249,491,078	1,036,832,082	1,286,323,160	50,172,726	37,486,618
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec .....	\$ 312,739	679,014	12,093	691,107	\$ 1,989,173	\$ 2,680,280	\$ 169,913	50,752
49. *Union of Western Canada .....	128,056	170,029	12,501	182,530	739,570	922,100	41,012	16,700
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces .....	391,402	391,402	608	392,010	1,326,717	1,718,727	119,487	66,064
51. *Church of England in Canada <sup>2</sup> .....				1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736		489,974
52. *Presbyterian in Canada .....	914,355	914,355	279,696	1,194,051	6,474,220	7,668,271	248,932	179,248
53. *United Church of Canada .....	4,918,398	6,027,414	488,422	6,515,836	24,700,153	31,215,989	1,462,804	849,256
Total Canada, 1953 .....	\$ 6,664,950	\$ 8,182,214	\$ 793,320	\$ 10,380,896	\$ 42,772,207	\$ 53,153,103	\$ 2,042,148	1,651,994
Total Canada, 1952 .....	6,120,257	6,832,696	1,096,810	7,929,067	38,131,939	47,466,807	1,929,407	1,635,917
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953 .....	\$196,803,931	\$279,834,006	\$13,067,174	\$296,684,265	\$1,157,583,055	\$1,454,267,320	\$55,425,851	39,585,417
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952 .....	178,944,196	243,316,010	13,676,928	258,825,946	1,074,964,021	1,333,789,967	52,102,133	39,122,535

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

\*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

<sup>1</sup> Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely.

<sup>2</sup> Revised figure, 1951, latest available.



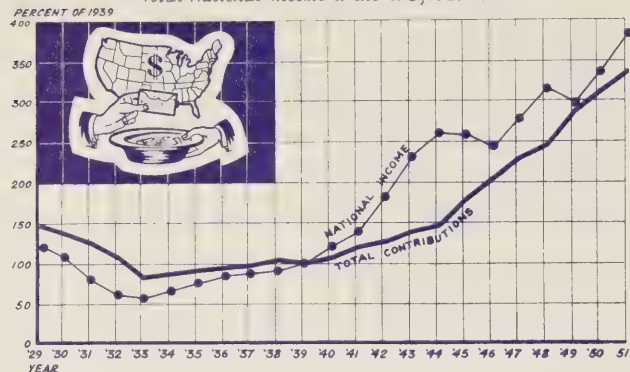
# Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational		Total				
	Budget	Total					
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$129.98	\$136.54	\$136.59	\$ 28.66	\$165.26	\$ 31.98	December 31, 1952
2. Baptist: *American Convention	4.54	4.90	6.20	30.71	36.91	1.19	April 30, 1953
3. *National Convention U.S.A., Inc.						.05	June 30, 1953
4. Seventh Day General Conference	7.97	7.97	7.97	33.94	41.91	1.76	October 1, 1953
5. Southern Convention	5.21	6.55	6.55	28.88	35.43	1.11	January 1, 1953
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)		21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05	June 30, 1950
7. *Church of the Brethren	6.62	9.74	13.03	29.11	42.15	1.90	September 30, 1953
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	6.17	6.17	7.06	27.28	34.33	1.67	June 30, 1953
9. Brethren in Christ	30.10	38.95	45.12	75.32	120.44		December 31, 1952
10. *Church of the Nazarene	7.43	17.39	20.42	97.55	117.97	6.77	December 31, 1952
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	2.57	2.57	2.57	33.02	35.59	.34	June 1, 1952
12. *Congregational Christian	3.37	5.17	5.17	38.29	43.46	1.02	December 31, 1952
13. *Disciples of Christ	3.82	4.34	4.92	28.37	33.29	1.09	June 30, 1952
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian)	5.53	5.53	5.62	4.07	9.69	.66	June 30, 1953
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America							December 31, 1952
16. *Evangelical and reformed	3.55	5.80	6.42	34.83	41.24	1.24	December 31, 1952
17. *Evangelical Congregational			15.26	47.11	62.36 <sup>1</sup>	3.04	March 31, 1952
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	3.43	7.79	8.30	38.22	46.52		October 31, 1953
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	June 30, 1952
20. International Foursquare Gospel	7.30	7.30	7.30	43.04	50.35	4.74	December 31, 1952
21. Lutheran: *American	6.03	6.83	8.97	41.95	50.92	.67	December 31, 1952
22. *Augustana Evangelical	4.23	8.67	10.42	37.19	47.61	1.67	December 31, 1952
23. Evangelical	3.83	7.53	11.69	37.68	49.37	1.05	January 31, 1953
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	4.31	4.31	4.36	24.80	29.16	.73	December 31, 1952
25. Missouri Synod	3.78	19.40	19.40	47.12	66.53	1.33	December 31, 1952
26. *Norwegian	9.21	9.34	9.34	39.51	48.85		May 1, 1953
27. *United	5.14	8.84	8.84	34.66	43.50	.97	December 31, 1952
28. United Evangelical	7.60	9.64	10.87	46.08	56.95	1.66	April 30, 1953
29. Wisconsin and Other States	6.53	6.80	7.65	33.80	41.45		December 31, 1952
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	58.36	58.36	60.97	36.35	97.32	27.64	January 1, 1953
31. General Conference	22.00	27.37	33.16	37.59	70.75	5.64	December 31, 1952
32. Mennonite Church			29.13	22.11	51.24		December 31, 1951
33. Methodist: Free	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77	September 30, 1952
34. *Methodist Church	2.51	4.61	4.61	26.96	31.57	1.17	December 31, 1952
35. Wesleyan	10.12	16.67	27.32	122.23	149.56	5.86	December 31, 1952
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	.36	.82	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	December 31, 1952
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	6.47	11.66	12.09	40.28	52.36	3.93	December 31, 1951
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	41.04	41.04	41.04	30.41	47.42	2.31	March 31, 1953
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	6.42	16.01	17.00	32.75	35.04	1.43	December 31, 1952
40. Cumberland	1.74	2.30	2.30	87.64	109.34	8.40	March 31, 1953
41. Orthodox	21.70	21.70	21.70	52.68	68.73	2.89	March 31, 1953
42. *U. S.	14.75	14.75	16.04	41.75	50.06	2.00	December 31, 1952
43. *U. S. A.	5.87	8.31	8.31	42.34	55.38	3.68	December 31, 1952
44. *United	8.47	11.94	13.03	34.45	43.43	1.48	December 31, 1952
45. *Protestant Episcopal	8.31	8.97	8.97	50.34	63.76	3.81	December 31, 1952
46. *Reformed in America	10.46	10.46	13.42	64.76	76.75	6.05	December 31, 1952
47. United Brethren in Christ	11.99	11.99	11.99				December 31, 1952
Total U. S., 1953	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.15	\$ 8.57	\$ 33.32	\$ 41.94	\$ 1.45	
Total U. S., 1952 <sup>1</sup>	5.26	7.17	7.56	31.43	38.99	1.38	
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 6.16	\$ 13.38	\$ 13.62	\$ 39.19	\$ 52.81	\$ 3.35	April 30, 1953
49. *Union of Western Canada	7.67	10.18	10.93	44.28	55.22	2.46	April 30, 1953
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	5.92	5.92	5.93	20.08	26.02	1.81	June 30, 1953
51. *Church of England in Canada <sup>2</sup>			2.87	15.39	18.26		December 31, 1951
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	5.10	5.10	6.66	36.12	42.78	1.39	December 31, 1952
53. *United Church of Canada	5.79	7.10	7.67	29.08	36.76	1.72	December 31, 1952
Total Canada, 1953	\$ 5.74	\$ 7.04	\$ 6.28	\$ 25.89	\$ 32.18	\$ 1.76	
Total Canada, 1952	5.34	5.96	5.71	23.31	29.02	1.68	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.12	\$ 8.46	\$ 33.02	\$ 41.48	\$ 1.46	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	5.26	7.13	7.48	31.04	38.52	1.37	

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. \* Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. <sup>1</sup> Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely. <sup>2</sup> Revised figure, 1951, latest available.



*Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total National Income of the U.S., 1929-1951*

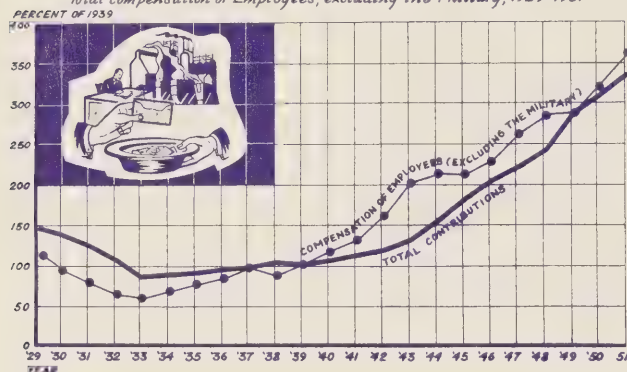


Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In Chart II, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total national income of the people of the U.S.A., 1929-51.

The total income of the people in 1929 was 120.4 per cent of 1939, while total contributions were 147.3 per cent of 1939. In 1951, national income was 382.7 per cent of 1939, and total contributions were only 341.8 per cent of 1939.

*Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total Compensation of Employees, excluding the Military, 1929-1951*



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In Chart III, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total compensation of employees in the United States, excluding the military. The figures on total contributions are, of course, the same as those in Chart II. Total compensation of employees was in 1929, 106.4 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 359 per cent of 1939.

These studies are regarded as preliminary and exploratory. It is hoped that they will be discussed, and that the discussion will result in more intensive studies in the future.

### Some Per Capita Gifts — All Purposes

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita giving for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

Religious Body	Per Capita Gift
1. Seventh-day Adventist .....	\$185.26
2. Wesleyan Methodist .....	149.56
3. Brethren in Christ.....	120.44
4. Church of the Nazarene.....	117.97
5. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	109.34
6. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite.....	97.32
7. United Brethren in Christ.....	76.76
8. Mennonite General Conference.....	70.75
9. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.....	68.73
10. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.....	66.53
11. Reformed Church in America.....	63.76
12. United Evangelical Lutheran.....	56.95
13. United Presbyterian Church.....	55.38
14. Moravian Church (Northern Province).....	52.36
15. The Mennonite Church.....	51.24

### Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

Religious Body	Benevolence Per Capita
1. Seventh-day Adventist .....	\$136.59
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite.....	60.97
3. Brethren in Christ.....	45.12
4. Mennonite General Conference.....	33.16
5. The Mennonite Church.....	29.12
6. Wesleyan Methodist .....	27.32
7. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	21.70
8. Church of the Nazarene.....	20.42
9. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod .....	19.40
10. Associate Reformed Presbyterian.....	17.00
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S.....	16.04
12. Reformed Church in America.....	13.42
13. United Presbyterian Church.....	13.03
14. Church of the Brethren.....	13.03
15. Moravian Church (Northern Province)....	12.09

### Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 33rd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

### Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary — anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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# Statistics of Giving

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**Total contributions** from living donors for all purposes reported by 46 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States amounted to \$1,401,114,217, a gain of 8.9 per cent over the figure of \$1,286,323,160 reported by the same religious bodies a year earlier.

For local congregational expenses, 45 bodies reported gifts of \$1,114,810,848, a gain of 7.5 per cent over the amount of \$1,036,832,082 the previous year.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 46 denominations reported receipts of \$286,303,369, compared with \$249,491,078, a gain of 14.8 per cent for the year.

The per capita total contribution in 46 bodies was \$41.94 for the year, compared with \$38.99 a year earlier, a gain of \$2.95 per member, or 7.6 per cent.

In benevolences the giving in 46 bodies was \$8.57 per capita, compared with \$7.56, an increase of 13.4 per cent, or \$1.01 per member.

## Canadian Figures

Six religious bodies in Canada report a higher rate of annual gain in congregational expenses and in total contributions, but not in benevolences, when compared with the 46 U.S. denominations. Certain errors made in the official reports a year ago from one denomination in Canada have been corrected, and the reporting now appears to be on the same basis for both years.

Total contributions reported by six bodies were \$53,153,103, compared with \$47,466,807 a year earlier, a gain of 12 per cent, higher than the rate of gain in 46 U.S. bodies.

Congregational expenses in the six bodies increased from \$38,131,939 to \$42,772,207, a gain of 12.2 per cent, also in excess of the rate of gain in the U.S.

However, the rate of gain in total benevolences, including home and foreign missions, was lower than in U.S. — 11.2 per cent. The contributions amounted to \$10,380,896 this year, compared with \$9,334,868 reported a year ago.

The per capita giving in Canada was \$32.18 per year for all contributions, an increase from \$29.02 a year earlier, or 10.9 per cent, or \$3.16 per member. Per capita giving for congregational expenses went up from \$23.81 to \$25.89, or \$2.57 — 11 per cent.

Total benevolences per capita increased 57 cents per member in the year, from \$5.71 to \$6.28, or 10 per cent.

## Foreign Missions

In the category of foreign missions, 40 bodies in the United States reported contributions of \$53,383,453, an increase of 6.4 per cent, over the \$50,172,726 reported a year earlier by 40 denominations. Per capita giving to foreign missions advanced from \$1.38 per year to \$1.45, an increase of seven cents per member.

In Canada, 5 denominations reported gifts to foreign missions of \$2,042,148, an increase of 5.8 per cent over the year previous. Per capita giving to foreign missions is higher in Canada than in the U.S., advancing from \$1.68 to the current \$1.76, an increase of eight cents a member a year.

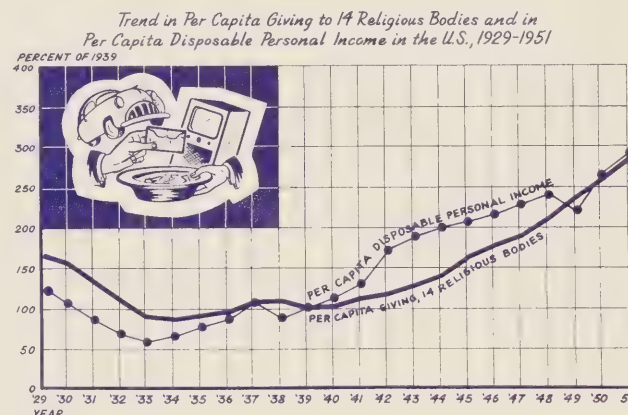
*For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.*

## Some Long Time Trends in Giving to 14 Bodies in the U.S.A.

In *Statistics of Giving*, published a year ago, two charts were published to indicate the trends in total giving to 15 denominations, the trend in church membership, and a comparison of per capita giving and the consumer price index for the years 1924-51. For lack of space these cannot be repeated here.

This year a number of other comparisons are made of the data for 14\* denominations for the years 1929-51, inclusive, with certain economic data for the same years. In these computations the figures on giving published for 1952 have been regarded as for 1951, and so for all other years. The economic data are all from U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In all the charts the figures for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with this year as a "base." It is regarded by many as a year before the activities of World War II began to affect the economy of the United States.



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In **Chart I** will be seen the trend in per capita disposable\*\* personal income compared with the trend in per capita giving to 14 denominations. To the lay observer it may be said that the two lines have moved together. As a per cent of 1939, per capita giving was lower than per capita disposable personal income from the year 1929 to about 1937; the two were close in 1937-40. During the war years and later, 1941-48, per capita disposable income moved up more rapidly than per capita giving. Since 1948 the trend in the two has been much the same.

To give figures: Per capita disposable income in 1929 was 126.5 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272 per cent of 1939.

Per capita giving in 1929 was 164.9 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 272.3 per cent of 1939.

\*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist: American Convention Baptist: Southern Convention  
Brethren: Church of the Brethren Congregational Christian  
Disciples of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Evangelical  
United Brethren Lutheran: United Methodist: Methodist  
Church Presbyterian: U. S. Presbyterian: U. S. A. Presbyterian: United Protestant Episcopal Reformed in America

\*\*Personal income, minus taxes.



# Total Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s				Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Membership
	Denominational		Other	Total				
	Budget	Total						
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$ 34,902,639	\$ 36,666,464	\$ 13,721	\$ 36,680,185	\$ 7,696,484	\$ 44,376,669	\$ 8,588,141	268,533
2. Baptist: *American Convention	7,095,808	7,670,454	2,024,049	9,694,503	48,042,425	57,736,928	1,855,030	1,564,210
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.							214,443	4,526,478
4. Seventh Day General Conference							11,002	6,237
5. Southern Convention	49,700	49,700		49,700	211,718	261,418	7,785,699	7,000,000
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)	36,480,240	45,822,830		45,822,830	202,181,489	248,004,319	320,214	168,258
7. *Church of the Brethren		411,197		411,197	961,921	1,373,118	31,023	18,988
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren		1,638,173	554,982	2,193,155	4,898,469	7,091,624		6,419
9. Brethren in Christ	114,736	114,736	16,577	131,313	507,646	638,959		18,610
10. *Church of the Nazarene	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		6,419
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	1,859,166	4,350,131	760,305	5,110,436	24,409,278	29,519,714	1,693,300	250,223
12. *Congregational Christian	86,032	86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	33,500
13. *Disciples of Christ	4,274,038	6,561,443		6,561,443	48,611,374	55,172,817	1,289,722	1,269,466
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian)	6,959,293	7,909,293	1,060,398	8,969,691	51,746,382	60,716,073	1,982,852	1,824,062
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	18,476	18,476	320	18,796	13,597	32,393	2,200	3,342
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	4,000	5,000	2,000	7,000	10,000	17,000	250	36,816
17. *Evangelical Congregational	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	752,144
18. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)				427,646	1,320,251	1,747,897	85,363	28,029
19. International Foursquare Gospel			370,675	5,979,290	27,534,958	33,514,248		720,320
20. Lutheran: *American	2,468,300	5,608,615		236,943	296,969	533,912	74,658	6,042
21. *Augustana Evangelical	236,943	236,943		573,464	3,380,485	3,953,949	372,400	78,533
22. Evangelical	3,262,053	3,696,423	1,159,201	4,855,624	22,707,168	27,562,792	362,249	541,251
23. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	1,436,509	2,943,805	593,235	3,537,040	12,624,718	16,161,758	565,495	339,437
24. Missouri Synod	2,366,014	4,649,038	2,568,861	7,217,899	23,268,332	30,486,231	650,832	617,545
25. Norwegian	97,364	97,364	1,040	98,404	560,302	658,706	16,407	22,589
26. *United	4,652,306	23,883,173		23,883,173	57,989,964	81,873,137	1,635,308	1,230,512
27. United Evangelical	66,689	67,633		67,633	286,236	353,869	7,244	7,244
28. Wisconsin and Other States	7,444,459	12,806,067		12,806,067	50,207,324	63,013,391	1,399,078	1,448,427
29. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	256,074	324,946	41,431	366,377	1,552,982	1,919,359	55,812	33,700
30. General Conference	1,427,429	1,486,268	184,371	1,670,639	7,387,173	9,057,812		29
31. Mennonite Church	120,338	120,338	5,388	125,726	74,949	200,675	56,992	2,062
32. Methodist: Free	788,143	980,771	207,145	1,187,916	1,346,887	2,534,803	201,987	35,828
33. *Methodist Church	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	1,950,077	1,480,194	3,430,271		32
34. Wesleyan	23,056,337	42,318,470		2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	527,380	66,947
35. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	360,865	594,535	380,296	974,831	247,472,725	289,791,195	10,766,506	9,180,428
36. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	1,190	2,762		42,318,470	4,360,799	5,335,630	209,068	35,676
37. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	146,996	264,852		2,762	27,157	29,919	400	3,348
38. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	71,000	71,000	9,753	274,605	914,770	1,189,375	89,276	22,713
39. Cumberland	170,693	425,587	26,344	451,931		71,000		1,730
40. Orthodox	130,370	172,186		172,186	808,342	1,260,273	61,450	26,579
41. *U. S.	126,517	126,517		126,517	2,456,526	2,628,712	107,540	75,000
42. *U. S. A.	10,988,356	10,988,356	961,255	11,949,611	510,947	637,464	48,913	5,830
43. *United	14,852,448	20,999,305		20,999,305	39,233,615	51,183,226	2,153,508	744,746
44. *Protestant Episcopal	1,882,474	2,654,344	241,886	2,896,230	105,456,170	126,455,475	5,055,812	2,526,172
45. *Reformed in America	14,043,640	15,166,092		2,896,230	9,408,852	12,305,082	817,531	222,201
46. United Brethren in Christ	2,035,148	2,035,148	574,320	15,166,092	58,227,037	73,393,129	2,498,485	1,690,000
47. Total U. S., 1953	227,286	227,286		2,609,468	9,790,531	12,399,999	741,098	194,475
Total U. S., 1953	\$190,138,981	\$271,651,792	\$12,273,854	\$286,303,369	\$1,114,810,848	\$1,401,114,217	\$53,383,703	37,933,423
Total U. S., 1952 <sup>1</sup>	172,823,939	236,483,314	12,580,118	249,491,078	1,036,832,082	1,286,323,160	50,172,726	37,486,618
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 312,739	679,014	12,093	691,107	\$ 1,989,173	\$ 2,680,280	\$ 169,913	50,752
49. *Union of Western Canada		170,029	12,501	182,530	739,570	922,100		16,700
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	391,402	391,402	608	392,010	1,326,717	1,718,727	119,487	66,064
51. *Church of England in Canada <sup>2</sup>				1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736		489,974
52. *Presbyterian in Canada	914,355	914,355	279,696	1,194,051	6,474,220	7,668,271	248,932	179,248
53. *United Church of Canada	4,918,398	6,027,414	488,422	6,515,836	24,700,153	31,215,989	1,462,804	849,256
Total Canada, 1953	\$ 6,664,950	\$ 8,182,214	\$ 793,320	\$ 10,380,896	\$ 42,772,207	\$ 53,153,103	\$ 2,042,148	1,651,994
Total Canada, 1952	6,120,257	6,832,696	1,096,810	9,334,868	38,131,939	47,466,807	1,929,407	1,635,917
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$196,803,931	\$279,834,006	\$13,067,174	\$296,684,265	\$1,157,583,055	\$1,454,267,320	\$55,425,851	39,585,417
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	178,944,196	243,316,010	13,676,928	258,825,946	1,074,964,021	1,333,789,967	52,102,133	39,122,535

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. <sup>1</sup>Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely. <sup>2</sup>Revised figure, 1951, latest available.

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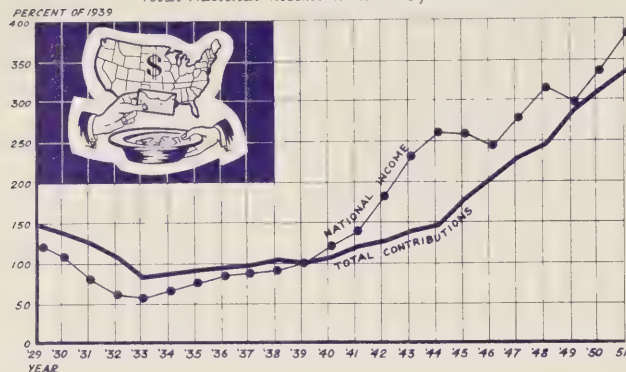
# Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s		Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational					
	Budget	Total				
1. Adventists: Seventh Day	\$129.98	\$136.54	\$ 28.66	\$165.26	\$ 31.98	December 31, 1952
2. Baptist: *American Convention	4.54	4.90	30.71	36.91	1.19	April 30, 1953
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.					.05	June 30, 1953
4. Seventh Day General Conference	7.97	7.97	33.94	41.91	1.76	October 1, 1953
5. Southern Convention	5.21	6.55	28.88	35.43	1.11	January 1, 1953
6. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)		21.65	50.66	72.31	8.05	June 30, 1950
7. *Church of the Brethren	6.62	9.74	29.11	42.15	1.90	September 30, 1953
8. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	6.17	6.17	27.28	34.33	1.67	June 30, 1953
9. Brethren in Christ	30.10	38.95	75.32	120.44		December 31, 1952
10. *Church of the Nazarene	7.43	17.39	97.55	117.97	6.77	December 31, 1952
11. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	2.57	2.57	33.02	35.59	.34	June 1, 1952
12. *Congregational Christian	3.37	5.17	38.29	43.46	1.02	December 31, 1952
13. *Disciples of Christ	3.82	4.34	28.37	33.29	1.09	June 30, 1952
14. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	5.53	5.53	4.07	9.69	.66	June 30, 1953
15. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America						December 31, 1952
16. *Evangelical and Reformed	3.55	5.80	34.83	41.24	1.24	December 31, 1952
17. *Evangelical Congregational			47.11	62.36*	3.04	March 31, 1952
18. *Evangelical United Brethren	3.43	7.79	38.22	46.52		October 31, 1953
19. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	June 30, 1952
20. International Foursquare Gospel	7.30	7.30	43.04	50.35	4.74	December 31, 1952
21. Lutheran: *American	6.03	6.83	41.95	50.92	.67	December 31, 1952
22. *Augustana Evangelical	4.23	8.67	37.19	47.61	1.67	December 31, 1952
23. Evangelical	3.83	7.53	37.68	49.37	1.05	January 31, 1953
24. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	4.31	4.31	24.80	29.16	.73	December 31, 1952
25. Missouri Synod	3.78	19.40	47.12	66.53	1.33	December 31, 1952
26. Norwegian	9.21	9.34	39.51	48.85		December 31, 1952
27. *United	5.14	8.84	34.66	43.50	.97	May 1, 1953
28. United Evangelical	7.60	9.64	46.08	56.95	1.66	December 31, 1952
29. Wisconsin and Other States	6.53	6.80	33.80	41.45		April 30, 1953
30. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	58.36	58.36	36.35	97.32	27.64	January 1, 1953
31. General Conference	22.00	27.37	37.59	70.75	5.64	December 31, 1952
32. Mennonite Church			22.11	51.24		December 31, 1951
33. Methodist: Free	24.82	53.61	140.89	194.79	12.77	September 30, 1952
34. *Methodist Church	2.51	4.61	26.96	31.57	1.17	December 31, 1952
35. Wesleyan	10.12	16.67	27.32	43.99		December 31, 1952
36. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	.36	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	December 31, 1952
37. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	6.47	11.66	40.28	52.36	3.93	December 31, 1952
38. Pentecostal Fire-Baptized Holiness	41.04	41.04		41.04		September 30, 1952
39. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	6.42	16.01	30.41	47.42	2.31	December 31, 1953
40. Cumberland	1.74	2.30	32.75	35.04	1.43	December 31, 1952
41. Orthodox	21.70	21.70	87.64	109.34	8.40	March 31, 1953
42. *U. S.	14.75	14.75	52.68	68.73	2.89	March 31, 1953
43. *U. S. A.	5.87	8.31	41.75	50.06	2.00	December 31, 1952
44. *United	8.47	11.94	42.34	55.38	3.68	December 31, 1952
45. *Protestant Episcopal	8.31	8.97	34.45	43.43	1.48	December 31, 1952
46. *Reformed in America	10.46	10.46	50.34	63.76	3.81	December 31, 1952
47. United Brethren in Christ	11.99	11.99	64.76	76.75	6.05	December 31, 1952
Total U. S., 1953	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.15	\$ 33.32	\$ 41.94	\$ 1.45	
Total U. S., 1952	5.26	7.17	31.43	38.99	1.38	
48. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 6.16	\$ 13.38	\$ 39.19	\$ 52.81	\$ 3.35	April 30, 1953
49. *Union of Western Canada	7.67	10.18	44.28	55.22	2.46	April 30, 1953
50. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	5.92	5.92	20.08	26.02	1.81	June 30, 1953
51. *Church of England in Canada <sup>2</sup>			15.39	18.26		June 30, 1951
52. *Presbyterian in Canada		5.10	36.12	42.78	1.39	December 31, 1952
53. *United Church of Canada	5.79	7.10	29.08	36.76	1.72	December 31, 1952
Total Canada, 1953	\$ 5.74	\$ 7.04	\$ 25.89	\$ 32.18	\$ 1.76	
Total Canada, 1952	5.34	5.96	23.31	29.02	1.68	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	\$ 5.71	\$ 8.12	\$ 33.02	\$ 41.48	\$ 1.46	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1952	5.26	7.13	31.04	38.52	1.37	

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies. \*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence. <sup>1</sup>Revised, includes only the 46 bodies reporting completely. <sup>2</sup>Revised figure, 1951, latest available.



*Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total National Income of the U.S., 1929-1951*

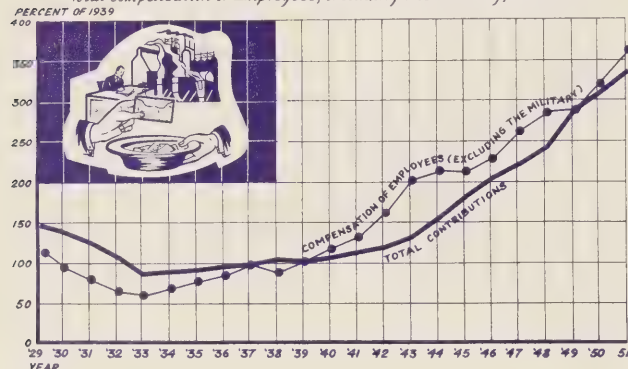


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In Chart II, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total national income of the people of the U.S.A., 1929-51.

The total income of the people in 1929 was 120.4 per cent of 1939, while total contributions were 147.3 per cent of 1939. In 1951, national income was 382.7 per cent of 1939, and total contributions were only 341.8 per cent of 1939.

*Trend in Total Contributions to 14 Religious Bodies and in Total Compensation of Employees, excluding the Military, 1929-1951*



Source: For figures on giving, official reports of denominations to United Stewardship Council and to joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, National Council of Churches; for economic data, U.S. Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*, July, 1952.

In Chart III, total contributions to 14 religious bodies are compared with total compensation of employees in the United States, excluding the military. The figures on total contributions are, of course, the same as those in Chart II. Total compensation of employees was in 1929, 106.4 per cent of 1939; in 1951 it was 359 per cent of 1939.

These studies are regarded as preliminary and exploratory. It is hoped that they will be discussed, and that the discussion will result in more intensive studies in the future.

### Some Per Capita Gifts — All Purposes

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita giving for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

Religious Body	Per Capita Gift
1. Seventh-day Adventist .....	\$165.26
2. Wesleyan Methodist .....	149.56
3. Brethren in Christ .....	120.44
4. Church of the Nazarene .....	117.97
5. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	109.34
6. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite .....	97.32
7. United Brethren in Christ .....	76.76
8. Mennonite General Conference .....	70.75
9. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	68.73
10. Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod .....	66.53
11. Reformed Church in America .....	63.76
12. United Evangelical Lutheran .....	56.95
13. United Presbyterian Church .....	55.38
14. Moravian Church (Northern Province) .....	52.36
15. The Mennonite Church .....	51.24

### Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The fifteen denominations reporting *this year* the highest per capita gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

Religious Body	Benevolence Per Capita
1. Seventh-day Adventist .....	\$136.59
2. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite .....	60.97
3. Brethren in Christ .....	45.12
4. Mennonite General Conference .....	33.16
5. The Mennonite Church .....	29.12
6. Wesleyan Methodist .....	27.32
7. Orthodox Presbyterian .....	21.70
8. Church of the Nazarene .....	20.42
9. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod .....	19.40
10. Associate Reformed Presbyterian .....	17.00
11. Presbyterian Church in the U.S. ....	16.04
12. Reformed Church in America .....	13.42
13. United Presbyterian Church .....	13.03
14. Church of the Brethren .....	13.03
15. Moravian Church (Northern Province) .....	12.09

### Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 33rd of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

### Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary — anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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# STATISTICS OF GIVING

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**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS** of \$1,537,132,309 for all purposes are reported by 48 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States. Of these bodies, 44 reported this year and a year earlier, and the gain in these Churches was 8.5 per cent.

For local congregational expenses, 47 bodies reported this year \$1,228,257,647. The 44 bodies reporting this year and last showed a gain of 8.9 per cent.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 48 denominations reported \$308,874,662. For the 44 bodies reporting this year and last, there was a gain of 6.8 per cent.

These are the highest totals ever recorded for these bodies.

The per member total contribution in 44 bodies was \$45.36 this year, compared with \$41.92 a year earlier, a gain of 8.2 per cent\*.

For benevolences the per member gift in 44 bodies this year was \$9.12, compared with \$8.56, a gain of 6.5 per cent over a year earlier.

## Canadian Church Reports

The latest information from six religious bodies in Canada reveals total contributions of \$56,154,126, an increase of 5.6 per cent over those of a year earlier.

For benevolences, the sum of \$10,737,629 was reported, an increase of 3.4 per cent. For congregational expenses the bodies reported \$45,416,497, a gain of 6.2 per cent.

The per capita gift for all purposes was \$33.49, an increase of \$1.31, or over 4 per cent. For benevolences, the per capita gift was \$6.40, only a slight increase over the \$6.28 figure a year earlier. For congregational expenses, the per capita gift was \$27.09, up from \$25.89, or about 4.7 per cent.

## Foreign Missions

For foreign missions, 45 bodies reported \$60,087,502, and a per member gift of \$1.57. For 44 bodies reporting both years, the total this year was \$58,995,174, and a year earlier \$53,298,340. The per member gift for the 44 bodies was \$1.76 this year and \$1.60 a year ago.

In Canada, five bodies reported a per member gift of \$1.73 this year, compared with \$1.76 a year earlier for foreign missions.

## New Buildings and Other Capital Improvements

How large a factor are contributions for new buildings and other capital improvements? The question cannot be answered precisely from current reports. However, a search of published reports of six bodies for 1953 indicates that various categories that are believed to be new buildings and other capital improvements reveal that these are equal to 35.1 per cent of all local congregational expenses. The bodies included were American Baptist; Congregational Christian; United Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian U.S.; Presbyterian U.S.A.; and Evangelical United Brethren.

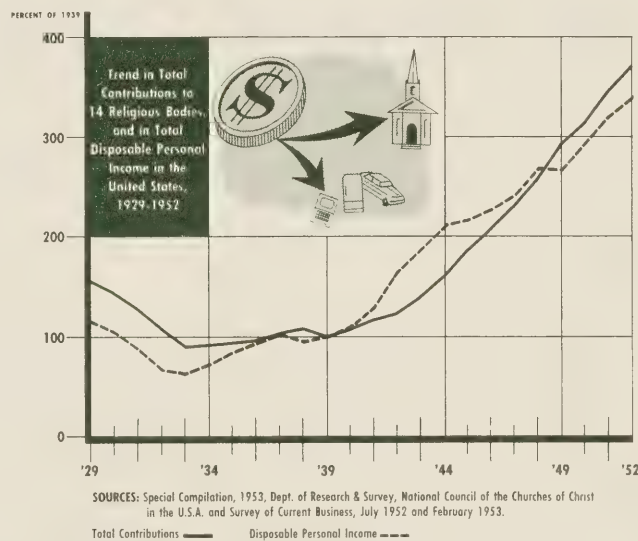
*For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.*

\*Per member figures for the 44 bodies differ slightly from the figures on the inside pages.

## TRENDS IN GIVING TO 14 BODIES 1929-52

This year several comparisons are made of the data on contributions reported by 14\* denominations yearly, 1929-52, with certain economic data for the same years. In these compilations the figures on giving reported in 1953, for example, are regarded as for 1952. (They do not include the figures reported in 1954 for fiscal years as noted in this report, below). These computations supplement comparisons made in *Statistics of Giving*, published in 1953 and 1952.

In all these computations\*\*, the figure for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with that year as a base. It is regarded by many as the year before World War II affected the economy of the United States.



**IN CHART I** will be seen the trend in total contributions to 14 denominations compared with the trend in disposable personal income (total personal income minus taxes). As a percentage of 1939, total contributions were higher than disposable personal income in the years 1929-36; lower in the years 1940-48; and again higher in the years 1949-52.

To give figures: total contributions in 1929 were 147.3 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 were 371.1 per cent of 1939.

Disposable personal income in 1929 was 117.5 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 was 338.8 per cent of 1939.

\*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist, American Convention	Lutheran, United
Baptist, Southern Convention	The Methodist Church
Brethren, Church of the	Presbyterian, U.S.
Congregational Christian	Presbyterian, U.S.A.
Disciples of Christ,	Presbyterian, United
International Convention	Protestant Episcopal
Evangelical and Reformed	Reformed in America
Evangelical United Brethren	

\*\*Sources of all charts and computations are: *Survey of Current Business*, U.S. Department of Commerce, July, 1952, and February, 1953; Special Compilation, 1953, Department of Research and Survey, National Council of Churches.



Total Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s				Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Membership
	Denominational		Other	Total				
	Budget	Total						
1. Adventists: Seventh-day	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 39,137,675		\$ 39,137,675	\$ 8,661,257	\$ 47,798,932	\$ 9,082,056	275,733
2. Baptist: *American Convention	8,015,165	8,598,934	\$ 1,964,392	10,563,326	56,799,256	67,362,582	1,779,954	1,495,584
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc. ....			263,900				214,443	
4. North American General Conference**	546,000	556,000		819,900	2,247,752	3,067,652	190,000	42,000
5. Seventh Day General Conference	50,616	59,708	84	59,792	187,987	247,779	15,579	6,262
6. Southern Convention				48,427,760	230,423,369	278,851,129	9,255,037	7,000,000
7. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)		411,197		411,197	961,921	1,373,118		18,988
8. *Church of the Brethren	1,114,742	1,670,120	538,559	2,208,679	5,249,905	7,458,584	320,214	170,358
9. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	47,387	140,494	8,772	149,266	587,932	737,198	40,738	18,979
10. Brethren in Christ	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	483,484	773,085		6,419
11. *Church of the Nazarene	4,877,265	5,717,361	13,431	5,730,792	24,813,486	30,544,278	1,795,831	258,125
12. Church of God, Anderson, Indiana**	967,400	1,367,400		1,367,400	8,164,000	9,531,400	400,000	104,000
13. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)		86,032		86,032	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	33,500
14. *Congregational Christian	4,455,327	7,986,724		7,986,724	56,075,142	64,061,866	1,703,329	1,283,754
15. *Disciples of Christ	7,633,187	8,493,187	946,214	9,439,401	45,117,261	54,556,662	2,088,529	1,847,954
16. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian)	19,309	19,689	286	19,975	12,968	32,943	2,065	3,398
17. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	4,000	5,000	2,000	7,000	10,000	17,000	250	36,816
18. *Evangelical and Reformed	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	752,144
19. Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America**	862,720	1,387,313		1,387,313	4,452,761	5,840,074	502,328	53,564
20. *Evangelical United Brethren	3,794,178	6,396,745	402,491	6,799,236	29,532,758	36,331,994	1,326,943	723,487
21. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	236,943	236,943		236,943	296,969	533,912	74,658	6,042
22. International Foursquare Gospel	710,172	810,926		810,926	3,542,653	4,353,579	381,534	83,059
23. Lutheran: *American	3,827,780	4,001,141	1,473,798	5,474,939	25,406,317	30,881,256	576,481	558,985
24. *Augustana Evangelical	2,768,186	3,273,971	613,394	3,887,365	14,845,654	18,733,019	681,930	346,978
25. Evangelical	3,136,383	5,051,636	1,406,731	6,458,367	23,855,540	30,313,907	784,891	622,381
26. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	104,682	104,682		104,682	640,289	744,971	24,287	23,190
27. Missouri Synod	9,944,382	15,197,356		15,197,356	65,013,675	80,211,031	1,495,143	1,269,089
28. Norwegian	66,889	67,633		67,633	286,236	353,869		7,244
29. *United	9,263,793	14,063,284	1,747	14,065,031	53,656,517	67,721,548	2,241,249	1,482,354
30. United Evangelical	263,279	349,033	37,048	386,081	1,567,082	1,953,163	56,233	34,969
31. Wisconsin and Other States	1,589,726	2,105,067	243,681	2,348,748	7,835,544	10,184,292	100,000	220,694
32. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	142,250	142,250		142,250	84,406	226,656	70,576	2,103
33. General Conference	572,088	597,370	110,523	707,893	1,326,501	2,034,394	231,930	35,831
34. Mennonite Church				1,950,077	1,480,194	3,430,271	66,947	34
35. Methodist: Free	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	527,380	41,298
36. *Methodist Church	33,246,568	46,882,218		46,882,218	267,638,996	314,521,214	10,779,375	9,151,524
37. Wesleyan	731,147	1,133,227		1,133,227	4,822,693	5,955,920	264,410	34,955
38. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	1,190	2,762		2,762	27,157	29,919	400	3,348
39. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	176,937	222,775	7,911	230,686	1,004,848	1,235,534	91,418	23,196
40. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	175,542	283,375	2,853	286,228	1,020,878	1,307,106	55,480	27,481
41. Cumberland	256,424	277,794	75,044	352,838	2,826,084	3,178,922	106,173	84,393
42. Orthodox	137,423	137,423		137,423	511,231	648,654	47,274	5,768
43. *U. S.¹	11,704,417	12,488,445	1,008,036	13,496,481	42,505,515	56,001,996	2,132,444	756,884
44. *U. S. A.	22,437,556	22,437,556	1,514,292	23,951,848	117,105,331	141,057,179	5,358,151	2,497,132
45. *United	2,110,562	2,926,173	229,201	3,155,374	10,049,523	13,204,897	783,875	228,718
46. *Protestant Episcopal	19,977,538	19,977,538	2,219,500	22,197,038	62,011,989	84,209,027	2,646,529	1,718,058
47. *Reformed Church in America	2,343,964	2,921,660		2,921,660	10,750,237	13,671,897	794,524	199,381
48. United Brethren in Christ	178,998	344,244		344,244	1,241,604	1,585,848	122,572	19,022
Total U. S., 1954	\$201,605,428	\$244,759,213	\$13,600,189	\$308,874,662	\$1,228,257,647	\$1,537,132,309	\$60,087,502	33,682,089
Total U. S., 1953	190,138,981	271,651,792	12,273,854	286,303,369	1,114,810,848	1,401,114,217	53,383,703	33,406,945
49. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 466,945	\$ 899,869	\$ 19,479	\$ 919,348	\$ 2,573,618	\$ 3,473,487	\$ 179,904	\$ 51,884
50. *Union of Western Canada	151,648	173,826		193,305	835,501	1,028,806	62,263	17,073
51. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	272,124	311,960		311,960	1,281,396	1,593,356	93,415	66,386
52. *Church of England in Canada		1,405,362		1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736	248,828	489,974
53. *Presbyterian in Canada		1,270,152		1,270,152	6,020,957	7,291,109	248,828	181,270
54. *United Church of Canada	1,152,303	1,270,152	522,048	6,656,981	27,162,651	33,819,632	1,470,854	869,901
Total Canada, 1954	\$ 7,475,438	\$ 8,790,740	\$ 541,527	\$ 10,737,629	\$ 45,416,497	\$ 56,154,126	\$ 2,055,264	1,676,488
Total Canada, 1953	6,664,950	8,182,214	793,320	10,380,896	42,772,207	53,153,103	2,042,148	1,651,994
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954	\$209,080,866	\$253,549,953	\$14,141,716	\$319,612,291	\$1,273,674,144	\$1,593,286,435	\$62,142,766	35,358,577
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	196,803,931	279,834,006	13,067,174	296,684,265	1,157,583,055	1,454,267,320	55,425,851	35,058,939

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

\*Member of Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence.

\*\*Reporting for the first time.

<sup>1</sup>This body has changed from a fiscal to a calendar year basis since its last report. Its total contributions in the 9-month period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1953 amounted to \$43,206,190. The above figures represent this amount plus one-fourth of the amount reported in *Statistics of Giving 1953*.



Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational		Total				
	Budget	Total					
1. Adventists: Seventh-day	\$141.94	\$141.94	\$141.94	\$ 31.41	\$173.35	\$ 32.94	December 31, 1953 1.
2. Baptist: *American Convention	5.36	5.75	7.06	37.97	45.04	1.19	April 30, 1954 2.
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.						.05	June 30, 1953 3.
4. North American General Conference**	13.00	13.24	19.52	53.52	73.04	4.52	March 31, 1954 4.
5. Seventh Day General Conference	8.08	9.53	9.55	30.02	39.57	2.49	June 30, 1954 5.
6. Southern Convention			6.91	32.92	39.84	1.32	December 31, 1953 6.
7. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)		21.65	21.65	50.66	72.31		June 30, 1950 7.
8. *Church of the Brethren	6.54	9.80	12.96	30.82	43.78	1.88	September 30, 1953 8.
9. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	2.50	7.40	7.86	30.98	38.84	2.15	March 31, 1954 9.
10. Brethren in Christ	30.10	38.95	45.12	75.32	120.44		December 31, 1952 10.
11. *Church of the Nazarene	18.89	22.15	22.20	96.12	118.33	6.96	December 31, 1953 11.
12. Church of God, Anderson, Indiana**	9.30	13.15	13.15	78.50	91.65	3.85	June 30, 1954 12.
13. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	2.57	2.57	2.57	33.02	35.59	.34	June 1, 1952 13.
14. *Congregational Christian	3.47	6.22	6.22	43.68	49.91	1.33	December 31, 1953 14.
15. *Disciples of Christ	4.13	4.60	5.11	24.41	29.52	1.13	June 30, 1954 15.
16. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	5.68	5.79	5.88	3.82	9.69	.61	June 30, 1954 16.
17. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America							December 31, 1952 17.
18. *Evangelical and Reformed	3.55	5.80	6.42	34.83	41.24	1.24	December 31, 1952 18.
19. Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America**	16.11	25.90	25.90	83.13	109.03	9.38	April 30, 1954 19.
20. *Evangelical United Brethren	5.24	8.84	9.40	40.82	50.21	1.83	September 1, 1954 20.
21. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	June 30, 1952 21.
22. International Foursquare Gospel	8.55	9.76	9.76	42.65	52.42	4.59	December 31, 1953 22.
23. Lutheran: *American	6.85	7.16	9.79	45.45	55.24	1.03	December 31, 1953 23.
24. *Augustana Evangelical	7.98	9.44	11.20	42.78	53.98	1.97	January 31, 1954 24.
25. Evangelical	5.04	8.12	10.38	38.32	48.70	1.26	January 31, 1954 25.
26. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	4.51	4.51	4.51	27.61	32.12	1.05	December 31, 1953 26.
27. Missouri Synod	7.84	11.97	11.97	51.22	63.20	1.18	December 31, 1953 27.
28. Norwegian	9.21	9.34	9.34	39.51	48.85		May 1, 1953 28.
29. *United	6.25	9.48	9.48	36.19	45.68	1.51	December 31, 1953 29.
30. United Evangelical	7.53	9.98	11.04	44.81	55.85	1.61	May 7, 1954 30.
31. Wisconsin and Other States	7.20	9.54	10.64	35.50	46.14	.45	December 31, 1953 31.
32. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	67.64	67.64	67.64	40.14	107.78	33.56	July 31, 1954 32.
33. General Conference	15.97	16.67	19.76	37.02	56.78	6.47	December 31, 1954 33.
34. Mennonite Church			29.13	22.11	51.24		December 31, 1951 34.
35. Methodist: Free	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77	September 30, 1952 35.
36. *Methodist Church	3.63	5.12	5.12	29.24	34.37	1.18	December 31, 1953 36.
37. Wesleyan	20.92	32.42	32.42	137.97	170.39	7.56	December 31, 1953 37.
38. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	.36	.82	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	December 31, 1952 38.
39. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	7.63	9.60	9.94	43.32	53.26	3.94	December 31, 1953 39.
40. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	6.39	10.31	10.42	37.15	47.56	2.02	March 31, 1954 40.
41. Cumberland	3.04	3.29	4.18	33.49	37.67	1.26	December 31, 1953 41.
42. Orthodox	23.82	23.82	23.82	88.63	112.46	8.20	March 31, 1954 42.
43. *U.S.	15.46	16.49	17.83	56.15	73.99	2.82	December 31, 1953 43.
44. *U. S. A.	8.98	8.98	9.59	46.90	56.49	2.15	December 31, 1953 44.
45. *United	9.23	12.79	13.80	43.93	57.73	3.43	December 31, 1953 45.
46. *Protestant Episcopal	11.63	11.63	12.92	36.10	49.02	1.54	December 31, 1953 46.
47. *Reformed Church in America	11.76	14.65	14.65	53.91	68.57	3.98	December 31, 1953 47.
48. United Brethren in Christ	9.41	18.10	18.10	65.27	83.37	6.44	September 30, 1953 48.
Total U. S., 1954	\$ 7.58	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.17	\$ 36.47	\$ 45.64	\$ 1.57 <sup>1</sup>	
Total U. S., 1953	5.71	8.15	8.57	33.32	41.94	1.45	
49. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 8.94	\$ 17.29	\$ 17.29	\$ 49.60	\$ 66.95	\$ 3.47	April 30, 1954 49.
50. *Union of Western Canada	8.88	10.18	11.32	48.94	60.26	3.65	May 15, 1954 50.
51. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	4.10	4.70	4.70	19.30	24.00	1.41	June 30, 1954 51.
52. *Church of England in Canada			2.87	15.39	18.26		December 31, 1951 52.
53. *Presbyterian in Canada	6.36	7.01	7.01	33.22	40.22	1.37	December 31, 1953 53.
54. *United Church of Canada	6.24	7.05	7.65	31.22	38.87	1.69	December 31, 1953 54.
Total Canada, 1954	\$ 6.30	\$ 7.41	\$ 6.40	\$ 27.09	\$ 33.49	\$ 1.73	
Total Canada, 1953	5.74	7.04	6.28	25.89	32.18	1.76	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954	\$ 7.53	\$ 9.12	\$ 9.04	\$ 36.02	\$ 45.06	\$ 1.58 <sup>1</sup>	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	5.71	8.12	8.46	33.02	41.48	1.46	

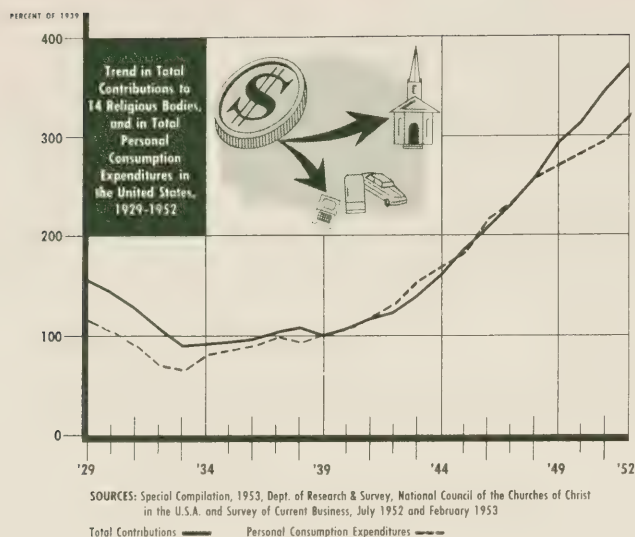
Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

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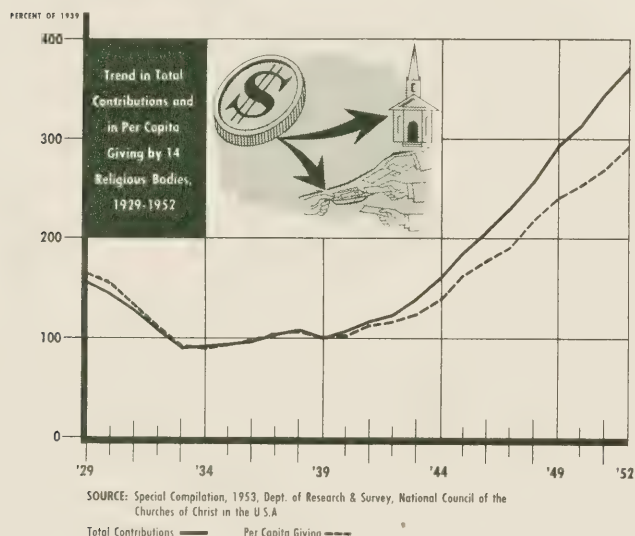
\*\*Reporting for the first time.

<sup>1</sup>The 4,526,478 membership of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A. Inc. has been included in the membership figure for the purpose of calculating the per member contribution to foreign missions.





**IN CHART II**, the comparison is made between total contributions and total personal consumption expenditures. Personal consumption expenditures were 116.7 per cent of 1939 in 1929, while contributions were, as before stated, 147.3 per cent. Contributions continued to be a higher percentage of 1939 than personal consumption expenditures down to about 1936. In 1940, the position is reversed on the chart, but the two lines "ran together" until 1948, when contributions again resumed about the same position in relation to personal consumption expenditures that obtained in 1929-34.



**IN CHART III** are presented data on total contributions and on per capita giving. The main conclusion is that total contributions have since 1939 gone ahead more rapidly than per capita giving.

### Highest Per Capita Gifts—All Purposes

The 15 denominations reporting *this year* the highest per member gift for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

1. Seventh-day Adventists .....	\$173.35
2. Wesleyan Methodist .....	170.39
3. Church of the Nazarene .....	118.33
4. Orthodox Presb. ....	112.46
5. Evang. Mission Covenant Church of America .....	109.03
6. Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church .....	107.78
7. Church of God, Anderson, Ind. ....	91.65
8. United Brethren in Christ .....	83.37
9. Presbyterian U.S. ....	73.99
10. North American Baptist Gen. Conf. ....	73.04
11. Reformed Church in America .....	68.57
12. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod .....	63.20
13. United Presbyterian .....	57.73
14. Mennonite, Gen. Conf. ....	56.78
15. Presbyterian U.S.A. ....	56.49

### Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The 15 denominations reporting *this year* the highest per member gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

1. Seventh-day Adventists .....	\$141.94
2. Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church .....	67.64
3. Wesleyan Methodist .....	32.42
4. Evang. Mission Covenant Church of America .....	25.90
5. Orthodox Presb. ....	23.82
6. Church of the Nazarene .....	22.20
7. Mennonite, Gen. Conf. ....	19.76
8. N. A. Bapt. Gen. Conf. ....	19.52
9. United Brethren in Christ .....	18.10
10. Presbyterian U.S. ....	17.83
11. Reformed Church in America .....	14.65
12. United Presbyterian .....	13.80
13. Church of God, Anderson, Ind. ....	13.15
14. Church of the Brethren .....	12.96
15. Protestant Episcopal .....	12.92

### Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 34th of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

### Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

The figures on giving are gathered at a different time than the annual compilation of church membership by the Central Department of Research and Survey, published in the Yearbook of American Churches.

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# STATISTICS OF GIVING

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**TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS** of \$1,537,132,309 for all purposes are reported by 48 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox Churches in the United States. Of these bodies, 44 reported this year and a year earlier, and the gain in these Churches was 8.5 per cent.

For local congregational expenses, 47 bodies reported this year \$1,228,257,647. The 44 bodies reporting this year and last showed a gain of 8.9 per cent.

For all benevolences, including home and foreign missions, 48 denominations reported \$308,874,662. For the 44 bodies reporting this year and last, there was a gain of 6.8 per cent.

These are the highest totals ever recorded for these bodies.

The per member total contribution in 44 bodies was \$45.36 this year, compared with \$41.92 a year earlier, a gain of 8.2 per cent\*.

For benevolences the per member gift in 44 bodies this year was \$9.12, compared with \$8.56, a gain of 6.5 per cent over a year earlier.

## Canadian Church Reports

The latest information from six religious bodies in Canada reveals total contributions of \$56,154,126, an increase of 5.6 per cent over those of a year earlier.

For benevolences, the sum of \$10,737,629 was reported, an increase of 3.4 per cent. For congregational expenses the bodies reported \$45,416,497, a gain of 6.2 per cent.

The per capita gift for all purposes was \$33.49, an increase of \$1.31, or over 4 per cent. For benevolences, the per capita gift was \$6.40, only a slight increase over the \$6.28 figure a year earlier. For congregational expenses, the per capita gift was \$27.09, up from \$25.89, or about 4.7 per cent.

## Foreign Missions

For foreign missions, 45 bodies reported \$60,087,502, and a per member gift of \$1.57. For 44 bodies reporting both years, the total this year was \$58,995,174, and a year earlier \$53,298,340. The per member gift for the 44 bodies was \$1.76 this year and \$1.60 a year ago.

In Canada, five bodies reported a per member gift of \$1.73 this year, compared with \$1.76 a year earlier for foreign missions.

## New Buildings and Other Capital Improvements

How large a factor are contributions for new buildings and other capital improvements? The question cannot be answered precisely from current reports. However, a search of published reports of six bodies for 1953 indicates that various categories that are believed to be new buildings and other capital improvements reveal that these are equal to 35.1 per cent of all local congregational expenses. The bodies included were American Baptist; Congregational Christian; United Lutheran; Methodist; Presbyterian U.S.; Presbyterian U.S.A.; and Evangelical United Brethren.

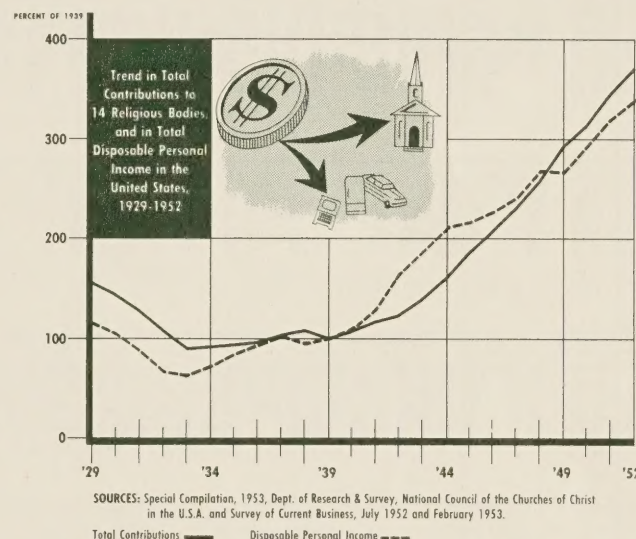
*For details by denomination, including the latest fiscal years for which the figures apply, see the tables on the inside pages and below, presenting data compiled by the Central Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches.*

\*Per member figures for the 44 bodies differ slightly from the figures on the inside pages.

## TRENDS IN GIVING TO 14 BODIES 1929-52

This year several comparisons are made of the data on contributions reported by 14\* denominations yearly, 1929-52, with certain economic data for the same years. In these compilations the figures on giving reported in 1953, for example, are regarded as for 1952. (They do not include the figures reported in 1954 for fiscal years as noted in this report, below). These computations supplement comparisons made in *Statistics of Giving*, published in 1953 and 1952.

In all these computations\*\*, the figure for 1939 = 100. The year was chosen because a number of studies of economic indicators made by both public and private organizations are made with that year as a base. It is regarded by many as the year before World War II affected the economy of the United States.



**IN CHART I** will be seen the trend in total contributions to 14 denominations compared with the trend in disposable personal income (total personal income minus taxes). As a percentage of 1939, total contributions were higher than disposable personal income in the years 1929-36; lower in the years 1940-48; and again higher in the years 1949-52.

To give figures: total contributions in 1929 were 147.3 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 were 371.1 per cent of 1939.

Disposable personal income in 1929 was 117.5 per cent of 1939, and in 1952 was 338.8 per cent of 1939.

\*The fourteen denominations included in the comparative study are as follows:

Baptist, American Convention	Lutheran, United
Baptist, Southern Convention	The Methodist Church
Brethren, Church of the	Presbyterian, U.S.
Congregational Christian	Presbyterian, U.S.A.
Disciples of Christ,	Presbyterian, United
International Convention	Protestant Episcopal
Evangelical and Reformed	Reformed in America
Evangelical United Brethren	

\*\*Sources of all charts and computations are: *Survey of Current Business*, U.S. Department of Commerce, July, 1952, and February, 1953; *Special Compilation*, 1953, Department of Research and Survey, National Council of Churches.



Total Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s				Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Membership
	Denominational		Other	Total				
	Budget	Total						
1. Adventists: Seventh-day	\$ 39,137,675	\$ 39,137,675		\$ 39,137,675	\$ 8,661,257	\$ 47,798,932	\$ 9,082,056	275,733
2. Baptist: *American Convention	8,015,165	8,598,934	\$ 1,964,392	10,563,326	56,799,256	67,362,582	1,779,954	1,495,584
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.							214,443	
4. North American General Conference**	546,000	556,000	263,900	819,900	2,247,752	3,067,652		42,000
5. Seventh Day General Conference	50,616	59,708	84	59,792	187,987	247,779	15,579	6,262
6. Southern Convention					230,423,369	278,851,129	9,255,037	7,000,000
7. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)					961,921	1,373,118		18,988
8. *Church of the Brethren		411,197		411,197	5,249,905	7,458,584	320,214	170,358
9. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	1,114,742	1,670,120	538,559	2,208,679	587,932	737,198	40,738	18,979
10. Brethren in Christ	47,387	140,494	8,772	149,266	483,484	773,085		6,419
11. *Church of the Nazarene	193,197	250,030	39,571	289,601	730,792	30,544,278	1,795,831	258,125
12. Church of God, Anderson, Indiana**	4,877,265	5,717,361	13,431	5,730,792	8,164,000	9,531,400	400,000	104,000
13. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	967,400	1,367,400		1,367,400	1,106,293	1,192,325	11,345	33,500
14. *Congregational Christian	86,032	86,032		86,032	56,075,142	64,061,866	1,703,329	1,283,754
15. *Disciples of Christ	4,455,327	7,986,724		7,986,724	45,117,261	54,556,662	2,088,529	1,847,954
16. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochian)	7,633,187	8,493,187	946,214	9,439,401	12,968	32,943	2,065	3,398
17. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America	19,309	19,689	286	19,975	10,000	17,000	250	36,816
18. *Evangelical and Reformed	4,000	5,000	2,000	7,000	26,198,021	31,025,133	930,234	752,144
19. Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America**	2,671,709	4,362,636	464,476	4,827,112	4,452,761	5,840,074	502,328	53,564
20. *Evangelical United Brethren	862,720	1,387,313		1,387,313	29,532,758	36,331,994	1,326,943	723,487
21. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	3,794,178	6,396,745	402,491	6,799,236	296,969	533,912	74,658	6,042
22. International Foursquare Gospel	236,943	236,943		236,943	3,542,653	4,353,579	381,534	83,059
23. Lutheran: *American	710,172	810,926		810,926	25,406,317	30,881,256	576,481	558,985
24. *Augustana Evangelical	3,827,780	4,001,141	1,473,798	5,474,939	14,845,654	18,733,019	681,930	346,978
25. Evangelical	2,768,186	3,273,971	613,394	3,887,365	23,855,540	30,313,907	784,891	622,381
26. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	3,136,383	5,051,636	1,406,731	6,458,367	640,289	744,971	24,287	23,190
27. Missouri Synod	104,682	104,682		104,682	65,013,675	80,211,031	1,495,143	1,269,089
28. Norwegian	9,944,382	15,197,356		15,197,356	286,236	353,869	7,244	28
29. *United	66,689	67,633		67,633	53,656,517	67,721,548	2,241,249	1,482,354
30. United Evangelical	9,263,793	14,063,284	1,747	14,065,031	1,567,082	1,953,163	56,233	34,969
31. Wisconsin and Other States	263,279	349,033	37,048	386,081	7,835,544	10,184,292	100,000	220,694
32. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	1,589,726	2,105,067	243,681	2,348,748	84,406	226,656	70,576	2,103
33. General Conference	142,250	142,250		142,250	1,326,501	2,034,394	231,930	35,831
34. Mennonite Church	572,088	597,370	110,523	707,893	1,480,194	3,430,271	527,380	66,947
35. Methodist: Free	1,024,900	2,213,909	12,254	2,226,163	5,818,431	8,044,594	10,779,375	41,298
36. *Methodist Church	33,246,568	46,882,218		46,882,218	267,638,996	314,521,214	264,410	9,151,524
37. Wesleyan	731,147	1,133,227		1,133,227	4,822,693	5,955,920	400	34,955
38. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	1,190	2,762		2,762	27,157	29,919	400	3,348
39. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	176,937	222,775	7,911	230,686	1,004,848	1,235,534	91,418	23,196
40. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	175,542	283,375	2,853	286,228	1,020,878	1,307,106	55,480	27,481
41. Cumberland	256,424	277,794	75,044	352,838	2,826,084	3,178,922	106,173	84,393
42. Orthodox	137,423	137,423		137,423	511,231	648,654	47,274	5,768
43. *U. S. I.	11,704,417	12,488,445	1,008,036	13,496,481	42,505,515	56,001,996	2,132,444	756,884
44. *U. S. A.	22,437,556	22,437,556	1,514,292	23,951,848	117,105,331	141,057,179	5,358,151	2,497,132
45. *United	2,110,562	2,926,173	229,201	3,155,374	10,049,523	13,204,897	783,875	228,718
46. *Protestant Episcopal	19,977,538	19,977,538	2,219,500	22,197,038	62,011,989	84,209,027	2,646,234	1,718,058
47. *Reformed Church in America	2,343,964	2,921,660		2,921,660	10,750,237	13,671,897	794,529	199,381
48. United Brethren in Christ	178,998	344,244		344,244	1,241,604	1,585,848	122,572	19,022
Total U. S., 1954	\$201,605,428	\$244,759,213	\$13,600,189	\$308,874,662	\$1,228,257,647	\$1,537,132,309	\$60,087,502	33,682,089
Total U. S., 1953	190,138,981	271,651,792	12,273,854	286,303,369	1,114,810,848	1,401,114,217	53,383,703	33,406,945
49. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 466,945	\$ 899,869		\$ 899,869	\$ 2,573,618	\$ 3,473,487	\$ 179,904	\$ 51,884
50. *Union of Western Canada	151,648	173,826	\$ 19,479	193,305	835,501	1,028,806	62,263	17,073
51. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	272,124	311,960		311,960	1,281,396	1,593,356	93,415	66,386
52. *Church of England in Canada				1,405,362	7,542,374	8,947,736		489,974
53. *Presbyterian in Canada				1,270,152	6,020,957	7,291,109	248,828	181,270
54. *United Church of Canada	1,152,303	1,270,152		1,270,152	27,162,651	33,819,632	1,470,854	869,901
Total Canada, 1954	5,432,418	6,134,933	522,048	6,656,981				
Total Canada, 1953	\$ 7,475,438	\$ 8,790,740	\$ 541,527	\$ 10,737,629	\$ 45,416,497	\$ 56,154,126	\$ 2,055,264	\$ 1,676,488
Total U. S. and Canada, 1954	6,664,950	8,182,214	793,320	10,380,896	42,772,207	53,153,103	2,042,148	1,651,994
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954	\$209,080,866	\$253,549,953	\$14,141,716	\$319,612,291	\$1,273,674,144	\$1,593,286,435	\$62,142,766	35,358,577
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	196,803,931	279,834,006	13,067,174	296,684,265	1,157,583,055	1,454,267,320	55,425,851	35,058,939

Source: Reports from officials of religious bodies.

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\*\*Reporting for the first time.

<sup>1</sup>This body has changed from a fiscal to a calendar year basis since its last report. Its total contributions in the 9-month period April 1 to Dec. 31, 1953 amounted to \$43,206,190. The above figures represent this amount plus one-fourth of the amount reported in *Statistics of Giving 1953*.



# Per Member Contributions from Living Donors

Religious Body	B e n e v o l e n c e s			Congregational Expenses	Total Contributions	Foreign Missions	Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending
	Denominational		Total				
	Budget	Total					
1. Adventists: Seventh-day	\$141.94	\$141.94	\$141.94	\$ 31.41	\$173.35	\$ 32.94	December 31, 1953
2. Baptist: *American Convention	5.36	5.75	7.06	37.97	45.04	1.19	April 30, 1954
3. *National Convention U.S.A. Inc.						.05	June 30, 1953
4. North American General Conference**	13.00	13.24	19.52	53.52	73.04	4.52	March 31, 1954
5. Seventh Day General Conference	8.08	9.53	9.55	30.02	39.57	2.49	June 30, 1954
6. Southern Convention			6.91	32.92	39.84	1.32	December 31, 1953
7. Brethren: Progressive (National Fellowship)			21.65	50.66	72.31		June 30, 1950
8. *Church of the Brethren	6.54	9.80	12.96	30.82	43.78	1.88	September 30, 1953
9. *Missionary Board of the Brethren	2.50	7.40	7.86	30.98	38.84	2.15	March 31, 1954
10. Brethren in Christ	30.10	38.95	45.12	75.32	120.44		December 31, 1952
11. *Church of the Nazarene	18.89	22.15	22.20	96.12	118.33	6.96	December 31, 1953
12. Church of God, Anderson, Indiana**	9.30	13.15	13.15	78.50	91.65	3.85	June 30, 1954
13. Churches of God in N. A. (General Eldership)	2.57	2.57	2.57	33.02	35.59	.34	June 1, 1952
14. *Congregational Christian	3.47	6.22	6.22	43.68	49.91	1.33	December 31, 1953
15. *Disciples of Christ	4.13	4.60	5.11	24.41	29.52	1.13	June 30, 1954
16. Eastern: American Catholic (Syro-Antiochean)	5.68	5.79	5.88	3.82	9.69	.61	June 30, 1954
17. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of America							December 31, 1952
18. *Evangelical and Reformed	3.55	5.80	6.42	34.83	41.24	1.24	December 31, 1952
19. Evangelical Mission Covenant Church of America**	16.11	25.90	25.90	83.13	109.03	9.38	April 30, 1954
20. *Evangelical United Brethren	5.24	8.84	9.40	40.82	50.21	1.83	September 1, 1954
21. *Friends: Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)	39.22	39.22	39.22	49.15	88.37	12.36	June 30, 1952
22. International Foursquare Gospel	8.55	9.76	9.76	42.65	52.42	4.59	December 31, 1953
23. Lutheran: *American	6.85	7.16	9.79	45.45	55.24	1.03	December 31, 1953
24. *Augustana Evangelical	7.98	9.44	11.20	42.78	53.98	1.97	January 31, 1954
25. Evangelical	5.04	8.12	10.38	38.32	48.70	1.26	January 31, 1954
26. Finnish Evangelical (Suomi Synod)	4.51	4.51	4.51	27.61	32.12	1.05	December 31, 1953
27. Missouri Synod	7.84	11.97	11.97	51.22	63.20	1.18	December 31, 1953
28. Norwegian	9.21	9.34	9.34	39.51	48.85		May 1, 1953
29. *United	6.25	9.48	9.48	36.19	45.68	1.51	December 31, 1953
30. United Evangelical	7.53	9.98	11.04	44.81	55.85	1.61	May 7, 1954
31. Wisconsin and Other States	7.20	9.54	10.64	35.50	46.14	.45	December 31, 1953
32. Mennonite: Conference of Evangelical	67.64	67.64	67.64	40.14	107.78	33.56	July 31, 1954
33. General Conference	15.97	16.67	19.76	37.02	56.78	6.47	December 31, 1954
34. Mennonite Church			29.13	22.11	51.24		December 31, 1951
35. Methodist: Free	24.82	53.61	53.90	140.89	194.79	12.77	September 30, 1952
36. *Methodist Church	3.63	5.12	5.12	29.24	34.37	1.18	December 31, 1953
37. Wesleyan	20.92	32.42	32.42	137.97	170.39	7.56	December 31, 1953
38. Moravian: Evangelical Unity Czech-Moravian Brethren	.36	.82	.82	8.11	8.94	.12	December 31, 1952
39. Moravian Church (Northern Province)	7.63	9.60	9.94	43.32	53.26	3.94	December 31, 1953
40. Presbyterian: Associate Reformed (General Synod)	6.39	10.31	10.42	37.15	47.56	2.02	March 31, 1954
41. Cumberland	3.04	3.29	4.18	33.49	37.67	1.26	December 31, 1953
42. Orthodox	23.82	23.82	23.82	88.63	112.46	8.20	March 31, 1954
43. *U.S.	15.46	16.49	17.83	56.15	73.99	2.82	December 31, 1953
44. *U. S. A.	8.98	8.98	9.59	46.90	56.49	2.15	December 31, 1953
45. *United	9.23	12.79	13.80	43.93	57.73	3.43	December 31, 1953
46. *Protestant Episcopal	11.63	12.92	12.92	36.10	49.02	1.54	December 31, 1953
47. *Reformed Church in America	11.76	14.65	14.65	53.91	68.57	3.98	December 31, 1953
48. United Brethren in Christ	9.41	18.10	18.10	65.27	83.37	6.44	September 30, 1953
Total U. S., 1954	\$ 7.58	\$ 9.20	\$ 9.17	\$ 36.47	\$ 45.64	\$ 1.57 <sup>1</sup>	
Total U. S., 1953	5.71	8.15	8.57	33.32	41.94	1.45	
49. Baptist: *Convention of Ontario and Quebec	\$ 8.94	\$ 17.29	\$ 17.29	\$ 49.60	\$ 66.95	\$ 3.47	April 30, 1954
50. *Union of Western Canada	8.88	10.18	11.32	48.94	60.26	3.65	May 15, 1954
51. *United Convention of Maritime Provinces	4.10	4.70	4.70	19.30	24.00	1.41	June 30, 1954
52. *Church of England in Canada			2.87	15.39	18.26		December 31, 1951
53. *Presbyterian in Canada	6.36	7.01	7.01	33.22	40.22	1.37	December 31, 1953
54. *United Church of Canada	6.24	7.05	7.65	31.22	38.87	1.69	December 31, 1953
Total Canada, 1954	\$ 6.30	\$ 7.41	\$ 6.40	\$ 27.09	\$ 33.49	\$ 1.73	
Total Canada, 1953	5.74	7.04	6.28	25.89	32.18	1.76	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1954	\$ 7.53	\$ 9.12	\$ 9.04	\$ 36.02	\$ 45.06	\$ 1.58 <sup>1</sup>	
Grand Total, U. S. and Canada, 1953	5.71	8.12	8.46	33.02	41.48	1.46	

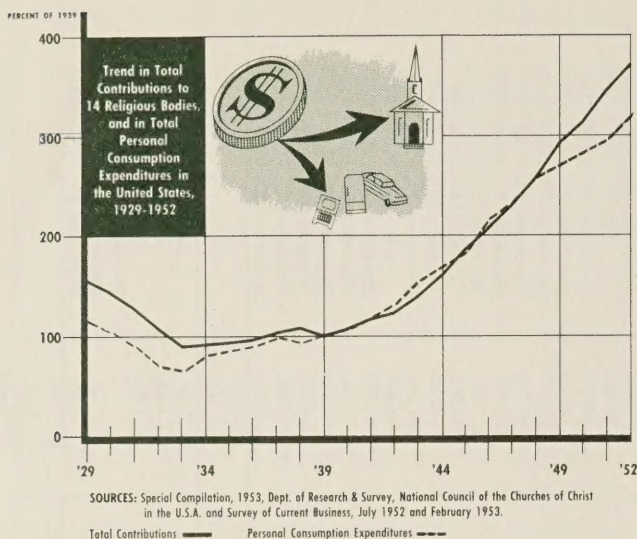
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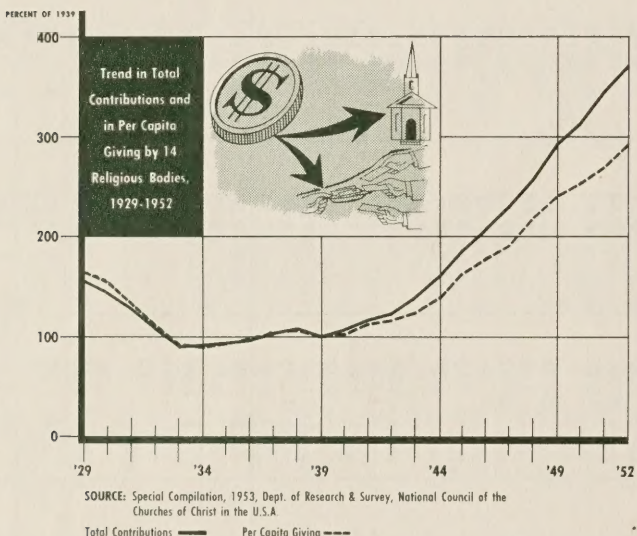
\*\*Reporting for the first time.

<sup>1</sup>The 4,526,478 membership of the National Baptist Convention U. S. A. Inc. has been included in the membership figure for the purpose of calculating the per member contribution to foreign missions.





IN CHART II, the comparison is made between total contributions and total personal consumption expenditures. Personal consumption expenditures were 116.7 per cent of 1939 in 1929, while contributions were, as before stated, 147.3 per cent. Contributions continued to be a higher percentage of 1939 than personal consumption expenditures down to about 1936. In 1940, the position is reversed on the chart, but the two lines "ran together" until 1948, when contributions again resumed about the same position in relation to personal consumption expenditures that obtained in 1929-34.



IN CHART III are presented data on total contributions and on per capita giving. The main conclusion is that total contributions have since 1939 gone ahead more rapidly than per capita giving.

### Highest Per Capita Gifts—All Purposes

The 15 denominations reporting *this year* the highest per member gift for all purposes, in order of rank, follow:

1. Seventh-day Adventists .....	\$173.35
2. Wesleyan Methodist .....	170.39
3. Church of the Nazarene .....	118.33
4. Orthodox Presb. ....	112.46
5. Evang. Mission Covenant Church of America .....	109.03
6. Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church .....	107.78
7. Church of God, Anderson, Ind. ....	91.65
8. United Brethren in Christ .....	83.37
9. Presbyterian U.S. ....	73.99
10. North American Baptist Gen. Conf. ....	73.04
11. Reformed Church in America .....	68.57
12. Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod .....	63.20
13. United Presbyterian .....	57.73
14. Mennonite, Gen. Conf. ....	56.78
15. Presbyterian U.S.A. ....	56.49

### Per Capita Gifts for Benevolences

The 15 denominations reporting *this year* the highest per member gift for benevolences, in order of rank, follow:

1. Seventh-day Adventists .....	\$141.94
2. Conf. of the Evang. Mennonite Church .....	67.64
3. Wesleyan Methodist .....	32.42
4. Evang. Mission Covenant Church of America .....	25.90
5. Orthodox Presb. ....	23.82
6. Church of the Nazarene .....	22.20
7. Mennonite, Gen. Conf. ....	19.76
8. N. A. Bapt. Gen. Conf. ....	19.52
9. United Brethren in Christ .....	18.10
10. Presbyterian U.S. ....	17.83
11. Reformed Church in America .....	14.65
12. United Presbyterian .....	13.80
13. Church of God, Anderson, Ind. ....	13.15
14. Church of the Brethren .....	12.96
15. Protestant Episcopal .....	12.92

### Sources

All figures on giving here reported are those received from officials of the denominations. The current report is the 34th of a series, begun by the United Stewardship Council. The United Stewardship Council was one of the agencies merged in 1950 to form the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. The Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council is the successor to the United Stewardship Council.

The reports here presented are from only a portion of the religious bodies in the United States. Total giving to all bodies can only be estimated, and no estimate has been made during the past few years.

### Definitions

These statistics are furnished by national officials of the religious bodies reporting.

*Budget Benevolence* includes contributions from living donors to the benevolent budget of the denomination as determined by the proper authority.

*Denominational Benevolence* includes all of Budget Benevolences and such other contributions for the work of the denomination reporting as may be reported to denominational headquarters.

*Other Benevolences* are contributions for various benevolences not in the denominational list, and includes only a small part of what is actually contributed, because only what is reported to denominational headquarters is included here.

*Total Benevolences* is the sum of Denominational Benevolences and Other Benevolences.

*Congregational Expenses* includes contributions to expenses of the local parish or church, including building funds, repairs, fuel, minister's salary—anything that is for the local church.

*Total Contributions* is the sum of Total Benevolence and Congregational Expenses.

### Concerning Membership

The terms, "per capita" and "per member," are used interchangeably in this publication.

The per member gifts here published are computed by use of the figure on membership furnished by the official reporting the data on giving. This official was asked to supply a figure of membership, 13 years of age and over. In some instances, the official reported or estimated membership 13 years of age and over, and in other instances, the figure was "inclusive" or "total membership," larger than the number 13 years of age and over.

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